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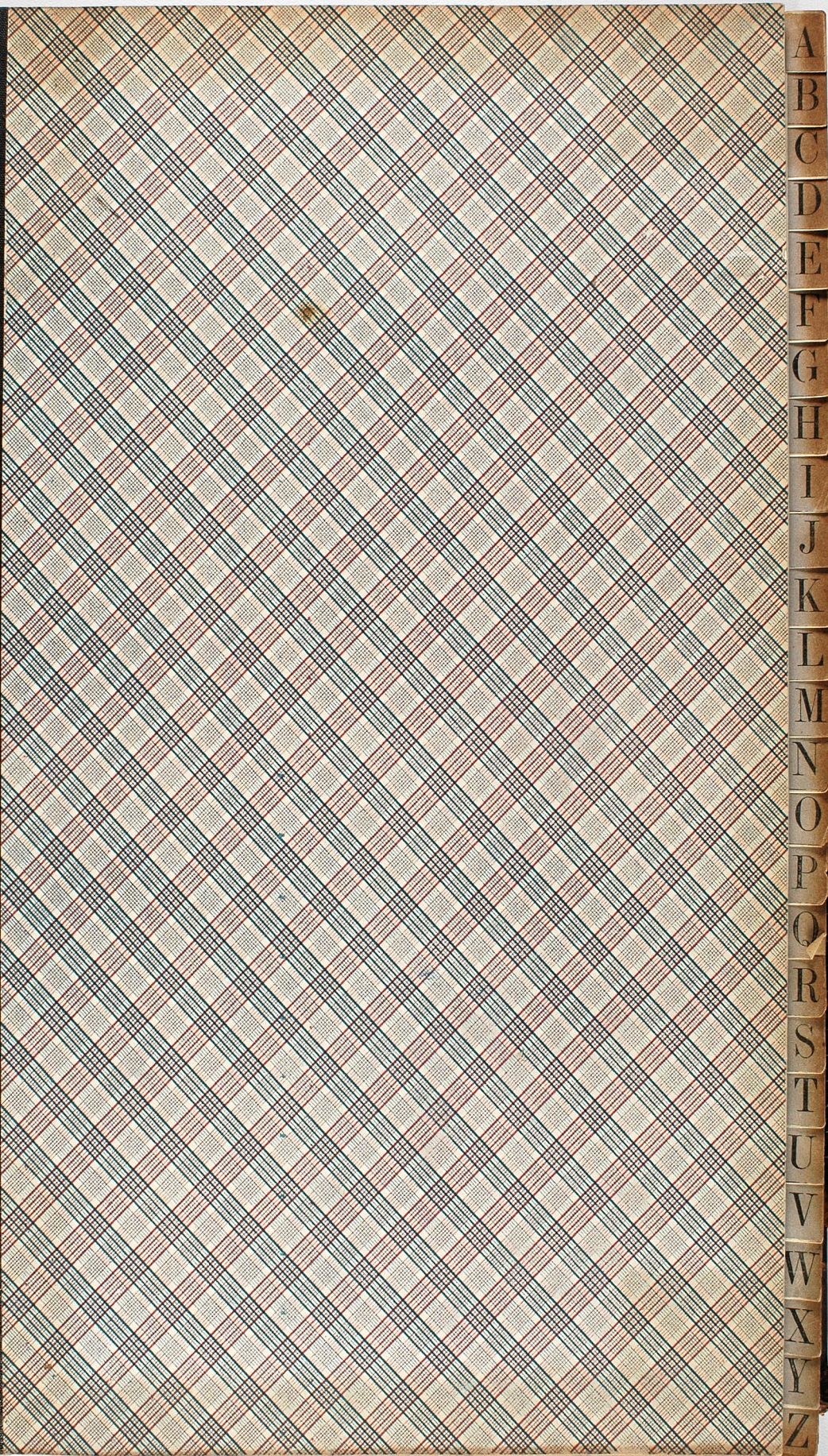
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Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Col.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

250 - Notices of bullion shipments, No. 172

250 - Letters transmitting bullion No. 173

Very respectfully,

Noratis C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to Assayer at
Helena, Mont Charlotte,
N. C.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office, December 5, 1882.
St. Louis,
Mo.

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 - Notices of bullion shipments - No. 172

50 - Letters transmitting bullion - No. 173

Very respectfully,

Noratis C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office, December 5, 1882.
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 - Notices of bullion shipments - No. 172

200 - Letters transmitting bullion - No. 173

as requested in your letter of the 11th ultimo.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

The following additional coins reserved during the month of November at your Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

15 dimes \$ 1.50

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

The following coins reserved during the month of November at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office, have been received, viz:

1 - Eagle \$ 10.00

4 - Standard Silver Dollars. 4.00

Totals Value \$ 14.00

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of October, 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Assayer in charge, U.S. Mint,

Denver,

Col.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2500., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$1,000.</u>
Wages of Workmen	1883	<u>1,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses	1883	<u>500.</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,
Helena, Mont.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2500., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$700.</u>
Wages of Workmen	1883	<u>800.</u>
Contingent Expenses	1883	<u>1,000.</u>

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard, Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$544.⁸⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>7294.⁸⁰</u>
Wages of Workmen	1883	
Contingent Expenses	1883	<u>250.⁵⁷</u>

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in charge,
Charlotte,
K. C.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending November 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger, December 5, 1882.
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your information, copy of a letter addressed to this office by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in regard to the transfer to that institution for recoinage of the uncurrent minor coins now in the Treasury.

You will observe from the letter of the Superintendent that it will only be at a great inconvenience that these coins can now be received, but should you deem it best to make the transfer in order to obtain the benefit of the appropriation for the recoinage of these pieces, the Superintendent will endeavor to comply with your request.

Very respectfully,

Noratis C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint, December 5, 1882.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting designs for gold and silver life saving medals and attachments for connecting them with ribbons.

I will thank you to have the dies and designs of the attachments prepared without delay and forward impressions of the same in soft metal to this office as early as practicable.

In the preparation of the dies and attachments you will observe the directions contained in letters of the Department of June 22nd and July 15, last, copies of which have been heretofore furnished.

Very respectfully,

Noratis C. Burchard, Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that the official bonds of
✓ Edward Wheaton, book-keeper and Arthur Haglunger,
clerk, in your Mint, have been approved and filed in the
office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ As requested in your letter of the 28th ultimo,
I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury
to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$500. payable
from the appropriation for collecting mining statistics
for the current year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ Referring to samples Nos. 64^{and} 67, memoranda
of silver bullion purchased by your Mint,
enclosed in your requisition for books and blanks of
October 3, 1882, I desire to say that I have changed
the heading by consolidating the two columns headed
"charges from silver" & "charges from gold", leaving
one column, the title of which will be "charges."

Your attention is respectfully referred to my
letter of February 1, 1881, in which I presented
my views on the subject and the reply of the then

Superintendents, dated the 11th of the same month^{and} which did not satisfy me as to the necessity of having separate columns to show the charges deducted from each of the two metals^{and} on the memoranda form No. 44 which were printed at that time for your Mint, these columns were consolidated.

If there is any good^{and} sufficient reason why it is necessary that the charges should be divided^{and} be deducted from each kind of metal, I will change the proof when received from the printer after I have heard from you. But unless there is^{and} I cannot readily conceive that there can be any good reason, I would prefer to have these forms the same in this respect as the memorandum furnished the depositor or seller of bullion.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard,
Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to an error in your report of charges collected (form No. 83) for the months of July, August^{and} September, 1882, I would state that the toughening charge is covered into the Treasury with the parting^{and} refining charges to the credit of the appropriation for parting^{and} refining^{and} on your abstract sheets has entered in the same column with these charges, while the charges for melting^{and} alloy are covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous earning.

On the form referred to (No. 83) you will please have entered under the headings printed on the sheets the amounts collected from each sheet separately^{and} when the money is deposited in the

Treasury, see that the certificate covering the parting and refining and toughening charges, agrees with the amount shown on report 83, as parting and refining and toughening charges and that the amount covered in as "other than parting and refining charges", agrees with the amount called for by the same report as melting and alloy charges.

With reference to the quarter under consideration, I will say that the certificates of deposit were correct and that the reports returned were erroneous as the certificates have been checked with the abstract sheets of the Bullion accounts for the quarter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

I return herewith for correction as indicated with pencil, your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1882.

You fail to enter as earnings, the grains from deposit melting room collected during the quarter, amounting to \$5.15 and also as an expense, the amount \$8.66 loss on Bullion shipped to the Mint for coinage.

Please return the enclosed statement with the corrected one, to avoid the necessity of verifying the entries.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Assayer in charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

December 5, 1882.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1882, I have to request that you will forward receipted bills of the Express Company for the amounts paid for transportation of bullion from your city to New Orleans, for which you take credit in this account, amounting to \$7.25.

You will also forward copy of your shipment statements forwarding the bullion to New Orleans for which you take credit in this account ^{and} also copy of the report of that institution on the shipment showing the value as ascertained there ^{and} the amounts of charges deducted by them.

It will be necessary for you to furnish similar statements with each of the bullion accounts ^{and} you will also request the New Orleans Mint to forward duplicate memoranda of each shipment so that you can retain one copy.

Referring to the loss of \$866 on bullion shipped the New Orleans Mint which you have entered in your profit and loss accounts, leaving a deficiency in that account of that amount, I would state that it is the practice at the other assay offices to make the adjustments between the value ascertained ^{and} that allowed by the Mint to which the bullion is shipped, in the accounts for the last quarter of the fiscal year.

If, however, you prefer to make the adjustments in each quarter there is no objection, but it will be necessary for you to retain in your profit and loss account a sufficient amount of charges on gains to pay such losses ^{and} it is not desirable that your accounts should show any deficiency.

Instead of depositing the \$5.15 of grains from

the deposit melting room and your own charges of \$4.29 collected during the quarter, you should have paid from them this loss of \$8.66 and deposited the remainder in the Treasury.

The deficiency in your profit and loss account you will please pay from your account for the present quarter, from your own charges on any gains you may have and hereafter you will please see to it that all losses are made good before depositing your charges for the quarter or any gains you may have in the Treasury.

Please forward the vouchers called for as soon as possible in order that your accounts may go forward for settlement.

In regard to the questions referred to in your letter of the 27th ultimo, as to the proper charge for melting, assaying and stamping deposits of less value than \$100. The explanation which you give is satisfactory and also the method which you have pursued.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Webster, Esq.,

December 5, 1882.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department,

Sir:

In compliance with the direction of ^{the Secretary of} the Treasury of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to submit a statement giving the number and designation of the volumes in the Library of the Director of the Mint.

This office has no library as such, but many valuable books have been procured and are in daily - and some of them in hourly - use for reference in supervising the business of the Mint, in compiling statistics and in answering requests for information.

in regard to metallurgical and monetary questions and could not be removed from the office without seriously impairing its usefulness and occasioning great inconvenience and delay in its business. The list of such books is herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Dr. H. F. Harvey,

December 6, 1882.

Royalton, Windsor Co.
Vermont,

Sir:-

I enclose herewith an extension of your leave for one month from the 10th instant, upon the same status as regards pay, as the preceding month.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Treasurer in charge,

December 6, 1882.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your billion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

December 6, 1882.

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the billion account of the Treasurer in charge of the

U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the quarter ending September 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustments as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

December 6, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week of your mint during the month of October, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. J. D. Cameron,
U. S. Senate,

December 6, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference of the letter of George W. Hall, Esq. which is herewith returned and to say that the papers and correspondence in regard to the offers to sell the Romney Potos have been placed upon my desk and that I have not yet examined or acted upon them on account of other pressing business. I shall give the matter early attention.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

To the
San Francisco Bulletin Co.

December 7, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

I transmit herewith U. S. Treasury Draft,
(No. 19 212 B) for \$12.00 drawn in your favor in payment of
one year's subscription to the "Bulletin". I will thank you
to cause receipt of same to be acknowledged.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

J. & H. Schjman & Co.

December 7, 1882.

New York,

Your offers accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Confirmed:

Similar telegram sent to

Messrs. Geo. B. Bolgate & Co.

47 Wall St.

New York

Handy & Cronin,

24 Nassau St.

New York,

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Confirmed:

Similar telegram sent to

Nevada Bank

San Francisco

Anglo Californian Bank

San Francisco.

December 7, 1882.

Telegram

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
ten and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

✓ Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to
Supt. W. S. Mint, Supt. W. S. Mint, Supt. W. S. Mint,
Barson New Orleans, Philadelphia
Tex. ✓ La. Pa.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint, December 7, 1882.

New Orleans,

✓ Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. forty-five thousand ounces at one hundred ten and fifty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio B. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Col.

December 7, 1882.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred
twond fifty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 7, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the U. P. R. R. Co. for transportation in the month of August, 1881, of twenty casks of Copper from Council Bluffs to Ogden, consigned to your care, amounting to \$179.⁰² paya-

ble from the appropriations for contingent expenses of
your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, December 7, 1882.
New York City,

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 6th instant
enclosing statements of gold bars exchanged for gold
coin during the month of November, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in charge, December 7, 1882.
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your
office be increased \$1,000.00 by a transfer of that
amount and that the same be transmitted, you
in U. S. notes of the denomination of One dollar and
Two Dollars.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in charge, December 7, 1882.
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper
accounting officers of the Department for examination
and settlement, bills of the U. P. R. R. for trans-

transportation in the month of August, 1882, from Council Bluffs to Ogden of certain articles of furniture consigned to your care, amounting to \$49.⁴¹, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director,

Hon. Charles G. Folger,

December 7, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter received at this office from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia in regard to the use of the head of a lion on one side of the attachments of the life saving medals.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles G. Folger,

December 7, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. be increased One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.), by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be transmitted, the Assayer in charge in U. S. notes of the denominations of One Dollar and Two Dollars.

The Assayer states that depositors of bullion require returns by registered mail and in order to comply with their requests, it is necessary that he be furnished with small bills to enable him to make change.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

December 7, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven ^{and} $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,597.87) in gold coin ^{and} Thirteen ^{and} $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars (\$13.39) in silver coin, making a total of Two Thousand Six Hundred Eleven ^{and} $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,611.26) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for coinage as shown by memorandum No. 1838, dated December 2, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

Supr. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 7, 1882.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 6th instant enclosing bids received for supplying your Mint with wood for the calendar year 1883. The award of the contract by you to Francis D. Watson, to furnish such quantity of wood at \$11.25 per cord as may be required by your Mint is approved.

The bid and bond of Mr. Watson are herewith returned for file in your Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 7, 1882.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver Bullion have been made this day at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit:-

<u>J. & M. Seligman & Co.</u>	50,000 ounces @	\$ 1,10 36-
"	50,000 " "	1,10 40
"	50,000 " "	1,10 45-
"	70,000 " "	1,10 50

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Assayer in charge,
 U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

December 7, 1882.

Sir:-

I was promised by the Stationery Division, Secretary's Office, that the blanks you requested for statistical purposes should be supplied early this week.

I cannot obtain them until Saturday or Monday.

They will be mailed to you as soon as they are received. If anything else is needed for that purpose, please inform me at once.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Assays,
Denver, Col.

December 7, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlements, bills of the U. P. R. Co. for the transportation in the month of September, 1881, of one barrel of crucibles from Cheyenne to Denver, consigned to your care amounting to 43¢, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Herald Printing Co.
Leadville,
Col.

December 7, 1882.

Sir:-

Your bill of the 1st ultimo for subscription to the "Weekly Herald" from September 10, 1882, to September 10, 1883, amounting to \$3.00 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlements.

In the course of two weeks a draft for that amount will probably reach you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Union Pacific R. R. Co.
Omaha

December 7, 1882.

Nebr.

Sir:-

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of

the 7th ultimo enclosing bill of T. E. Butler, amounting to \$87.⁵⁰ and bill of Samuel H. Butler, amounting to \$116.⁶¹ for services in compiling statistics of one and a half billion shipments over your road from January 1st to June 30, 1882, I have to inform you that the accounts named have been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlements.

In the course of a week or ten days a draft for that amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

J. W. Thurber, Esq.

December 7, 1882.

West-Broadway, Rader & Hudson's.

New York City.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 6th instant enclosing a draft of a resolution regarding the fractional coins and requesting information as to the present situation.

The twenty cent silver piece was abolished by the Act of May 2, 1878. Some have been coined nor issued since that date and those paid into the Treasury are re-coined into other denominations.

The three cent nickel piece is coined to a limited extent to supply the demand.

The two cent bronze coin was abolished by the Act of February 12, 1873. Some have been coined nor issued since the passage of that Act and those redeemed by the Treasury or received in the course of public business, are melted and coined into one cent pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Southwick, Bultrick Esq.
Washington, D.C.

December 7, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlements, three bills of the Union Pacific R. R. Co., one bearing date of August, 1879, for the shipment in that month from Cheyenne to Denver, of two basks and one Box Crucibles, consigned to the Mint at Denver, amounting to \$475- one bearing date of September 13, 1881, for the shipment in that month of one barrel of Crucibles from Cheyenne to Denver, consigned to the Mint at Denver, amounting to 48¢ and one bearing date of August 1881, for the shipment in that month from Council Bluffs to Ogden of twenty casks of Copper consigned to the Mint at San Francisco, of four packages and three bundles containing chains and desks consigned to the Assay Office at Helena, Montana T., amounting to \$220.43.

As the use of the appropriation from which the amounts named first, \$475- is properly payable, has expired by limitation of law, it will be necessary to obtain an appropriation from Congress before that bill can be paid.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director. ✓

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

December 7, 1882.

Sir:-

I submit the following question for your consideration and advice as to the proper construction of the law:

Upon a deposit at an assay office of gold

bullion for payment of its value to the depositor out of the bullion fund in coin, might or can legally a transportation charge for the cost to the government of sending the bullion from the assay office to the Mint for coinage be imposed upon the depositor or a deduction therefor be made from the value of the bullion as determined by its weight and fineness?

Section 3545 of the Revised Statutes authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to keep in the mints and the Assay Office in New York, public moneys or bullion "out of which those who bring bullion to the said mints and assay offices may be paid the value" of the same "in coin or bars, as soon as practicable after the value has been ascertained" (Page 39, Regulations of Mints and Assay Offices).

No such fund was at first authorized to be kept at the Denver Mint or other assay offices, the business at which, by section 3558 (Ibid page 42) was "confined to the receipt of gold and silver for melting and assaying, to be returned to depositors of the same, in bars, with the weight and fineness stamped thereon"; but the Act of June 19, 1878, (Ibid page 54) extended the provisions of section 3545 "to the several mints and assay offices of the United States" and such bullion fund is now kept at all the mint and assay offices.

The value of a deposit and its mode of ascertainment are defined by the following sections:

Section 3556 (Ibid page 50) provides that the Superintendent "from the report of the Assayer and the weight of the bullion" shall compute the value of each deposit and the amount of charges or deductions if any" and that he shall give the depositor "a certificate of the net amount of the deposit, to be paid in coins or bars of the same species of bullion as that deposited."

Section 3523 (Ibid page 33) requires the

Assayer to report to the Superintendent "such information as will enable him to compute the amount of the charges hereinafter provided for, to be made to the depositor". Section 3524 (*Ibid*, page 34) enumerates the charges authorized by law: for melting^{and} refining, lengthening, for alloy, for parting gold^{and} silver^{and} for preparation of bars.

Section 3553, relating to the business of the New York Assay Office, specifically provides that "all Bullion intended by the depositor to be converted into coins of the United States ^{and} silver Bullion purchased for coinage, when assayed, parted ^{and} refined ^{and} its net value certified, shall be transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia, under such directions as shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury."

The Act making appropriation for the Executive, Legislative ^{and} Judicial Expenses of the Government for the fiscal year 1883, appropriates "for freight on Bullion ^{and} coin between the mints ^{and} assay offices \$30,000." The Regulations of 1881, page 8, section 3, provide that "a further charge to cover the cost of transportation will be collected of the depositor." Ought not the Regulations to be amended by striking out this clause ^{and} the cost of transporting gold Bullion from the assay offices to the mints for coinage be paid out of the appropriation of thirty thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

To

December 8, 1882.

The Editor, Daily Graphic,
39 Park Place,
New York,

Sir:-

In accordance with your request of the 6th instant, I mail you a copy of my last annual report, which, on page 103, contains the table of circulation corrected to the latest dates and embraces all the countries in regard to which I could obtain reliable information.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 8, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft (No B-19234) for \$25.00 payable to the order of U. Mr. Pennington for stenographic services rendered in connection with the investigation recently conducted by me at your Mint. Please cause same to be delivered to him and receive his acknowledgment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 8, 1882.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$11,500.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current

fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ 2,300
Wages of Workmen	1883	7,000
Contingent Expenses	1883	2,500
		<u>\$ 11,800.</u>

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director

Supr. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 8, 1882.

Sir:-

Cf. D. - No. 243 for \$267.⁶¹ being on account of melting and alloy charges for quarter ended September 30, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 20th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your billion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supr. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 8, 1882.

Sir:-

Cf. D. - No. 242 for \$87.²² being on account of parting, refining and toughening charges for quarter ended Sept. 30, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 20th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your billion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 8, 1882.

Sir:-

I return herewith for correction as indicated therein in pencil, statements of silver purchases at your Mint from October 30 to November 4th from November 13 to November 18, 1882.

I will thank you to make the corrections indicated and return to this office as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio L. Burchard,
 Director

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 8, 1882.

Sir:-

Your communication of November 7, submitting the bids for the delivery to the Philadelphia Mint of porcelain pots and the previous and subsequent correspondence relating thereto, has been considered by me and I am unable, from the information therein disclosed, to decide whether the lowest bid of Mr. James W. Boyd, at \$14.50 ought to be accepted for the whole number that he offers. As at the time of opening the bids his was found to be the lowest, I think his offer should be accepted for the number that the Mint will require within a reasonable time but I am not advised that your Mint will require the number he names, and it would not be proper to buy in excess of the wants of your Mint upon the expectation that the other Mints would require or purchase them from you.

I therefore have concluded to refer the matter back to you with instructions to consult with the

operative officers, especially the Melter and Refiner and make a formal award upon the bids attested by them, accepting the lowest-bid for so many as you and they are of opinion will be needed for use in your Mint but that you do not purchase so large a number as to cause your expenditures during the year for smelting and refining to exceed the net earnings of the year above expenditures. When you have made such award, submit it for approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Supr. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa

December 8, 1882.

Sir:-

I return, inclosed herewith, the samples of Stationery transmitted with your letter of the 7th instant, together with a few blank requisitions and one copy of circular 151, of the Department. These articles are supplied by the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department and not by the public printer and only on requisitions upon the enclosed form. You will observe that the circular herewith, requires requisitions to be made semi-annually and as this is the proper time to submit yours for the first six months of the calendar year 1883, I would suggest that it would be well to forward it at once and include these articles. Your attention is especially called to sections 3, 6, 9, 13 and 14 of the circular.

Very respectfully,
Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 8, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlements, payable from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, bill of the Union Pacific R.R. Co. for transportation in the month of October 1881, of 1346 slabs of spelter, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, consigned to your care, amounting to \$309.25

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,
 Director.

Assayer in charge,
 U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

December 8, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlements, bill of the Union Pacific R.R. Co. for transportation in the month of September, 1881, of one bbl. of crucibles from Council Bluffs to Cheyenne, consigned to your care amounting to \$1.78, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,
 Director.

Assayer in charge,
 U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

December 8, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper

accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlements, bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation, in the month of September, 1881, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, of 25 boxes of brick, 2 bbls of clay, 1 box and 1 bbl. of crucibles, 2 bbls boneash and 1 box crucibles consigned to your care, amounting to \$109.⁵³, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq. December 8, 1882.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlements, bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation in the month of September, 1881, of certain mint supplies from Council Bluffs to Ogden, amounting to \$420.⁵⁶.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger, December 8, 1882.
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that, ^{a transfer be made from} the Bullion fund of the Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the Assay Office at New York, of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven and ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$15,711.⁵⁰) in gold coin and One Hundred and Two Dollars (\$102.⁰⁰) in silver coin making a total of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen

$\$9,765^{\frac{46}{100}}$ Dollars ($\$15,813^{\frac{52}{100}}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for coinage, as shown by memorandum No. 4141, dated Dec. 1, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said assay office.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles G. Folger, December 8, 1882.
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to that of the Assay Office at New York, of the sum of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Five $\$9,765^{\frac{46}{100}}$ Dollars ($\$9,765^{\frac{46}{100}}$) in gold coin and Eighty $\$80^{\frac{47}{100}}$ Dollars ($\$80^{\frac{47}{100}}$) in silver coin, making a total of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Five $\$9,845^{\frac{93}{100}}$ Dollars ($\$9,845^{\frac{93}{100}}$) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for coinage, as shown by memorandum No. 4106, dated November 27, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, December 8, 1882.
New York City,

Sir:-

On examining the abstract sheets accompanying your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1883, I find that in imposing charges on gold bullion received from the Helena Assay Office, you have

omitted from the parting ^{and} refining charge, that portion which is required to be imposed upon deposits at the rate of One Dollar per thousand ounces or less.

You refer in each case to my letter of June 19, 1882, as your authority for so doing.

The inquiry in your letter of June 16, to which mine was a reply related wholly to "melting charge" ^{and} in answering your letter, I supposed you referred to the "melting charge" specified in the Instructions, which is kept separate from parting ^{and} refining charges ^{and} covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

In examining the Helena Bullion accounts I find that the "per deposit charge" is not imposed upon the depositor by the Assayer at that institution. This is not in accordance with the Regulations ^{and} he will be instructed on ^{and} after the 1st proximo, to collect it ^{and} you will also impose the same charges upon the shipments of bullion received from him after that date as you now impose upon other depositors.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Charles S. Platt,

December 9, 1882.

4 Liberty Place

New York,

I purpose to visit Philadelphia Monday ^{and} be in New York Wednesday. Will remain here Monday if very important. Answer.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram.

Charles L. Platt,

December 9, 1882.

Telegram.

#4 Liberty Place,
New York,

Will be at New York Assay Office Wednesday from ten to twelve, A. M.

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Wm. Richards & Co.

December 9, 1882.

#398 Bowsery,
New York City,

Gentlemen:-

The Assayer of this Bureau states that all the scorifiers used of the lot purchased from you on September 14th last, have proved defective. I have therefore directed those remaining to be returned to you by express.

Please replace them by others as soon as convenient.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

December 9, 1882.

Telegram

Philadelphia, Pa.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
ten and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans,

✓ San Francisco,

Barren,

La.

Cal.

Tex.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,

December 9, 1882.

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

5,000 Memorandums of silver bullion deposited, No.

43 b. —

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,

Director.

A. Webster, Esq.

December 9, 1882.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

Please send the type writer belonging to my office to the residence — 708-11th St. N.W. — of Mr. M. Wheeler, who is a clerk in this Bureau, and who will use it there for two or three weeks to do some work for my office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles G. Folger,

December 9, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. be increased One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) by a transfer of this amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Mint with the Colorado National Bank at Denver, Col.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,
 Sir:-

December 9, 1882.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty Three ^{and 72}/₁₀₀ (\$ 37,443.72) in gold coin ^{and} Three Hundred Three ^{and 60}/₁₀₀ (\$ 303.60) in silver coin, making a total of Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Seven ^{and 32}/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 37,747.32) being the net-value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, for coinage as shown by memorandum, No. 1843, dated December 4, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

December 9, 1882.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased \$100,000.00 by a transfer of that amount ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank at Denver, Col.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 9, 1882.

Sir:-

The Assistant Treasurer in your city has made a request of the Secretary of the Treasury that he be furnished with a new hopper ^{and} six (6) counting boards.

as follows:

One board each for quarters, dimes, 5¢ nickels, 3¢ nickels, 1¢ bronze and 1¢ copper nickel.

The Secretary has referred the letter of the Assistant Treasurer to this office with the request that theopper and boards be furnished if practicable.

You will please comply with the request of the Secretary and furnish the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, ✓
Director.

Assayer in charge,

December 9, 1882.

U. S. Assay Office,

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

Enclosed you will find a copy of an amendment to the Regulations of 1881, in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices, which goes into effect on the first of January next, on and after which date no charge will be imposed by you upon depositors of gold bullion for the cost of transportation to the Mint for coinage.

You will collect of such depositors on each deposit in addition to your own charge for melting, assaying, & stamping the full charges which would be imposed on the deposit if made at the Mint, which, in addition to the charge per ounce for parting and refining, includes a charge of one dollar on each deposit of one thousand ounces or less as required by the Regulations.

You will please inform the Express Company to forward their bills for the transportation of your bullion to this office monthly, for payment from the appropriation for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Letter similar to one on page 35-
addressed to

✓ Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

✓ Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

✓ Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

✓ Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Circular Enclosure to page 35-

December 9, 1882.

Paragraph 3, page 8, of the "Instructions and Regulations in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States" approved June 25, 1881, is hereby amended, to take effect January 1, 1883, so as to read as follows:

3. Upon gold bullion deposited for payment of its value from the bullion fund; the charges required to be imposed upon such bullion at the New York Assay Office or at the Mint to which it is to be forwarded, will be collected of the depositor, in addition to the Assay Office charges.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Approved:

Charles G. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

December 9, 1882.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 1st instant, transmitting statements of the business of your office for November, did not enclose a statement of deposits and bars manufactured, but duplicate statements of gold and silver of domestic productions. Please furnish the one

mitted.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

December 11, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account with abstract and vouchers for the month ending November 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

December 11, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to ~~cause~~ be advanced you the sum of \$1,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "parting and refining Bullion". ✓

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

December 11, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$10,500., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the

current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$2,500.
Wages of Workmen	1883	6,000.
Contingent Expenses	1883	2,500.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. W. S. Hunt,
Barren, Nev.

December 11, 1882.

Sir:-

Cf. D. - No. 455 for \$18.75, being on account of ore assays for quarter ended September 30, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. W. S. Hunt,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 11, 1882.

Sir:-

Cf. D. No. 5642, for \$60,000.00 being on account of minor coinage profits enclosed in your communication of the 8th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your billion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

December 11, 1882.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

December 11, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, for the quarter ending September 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 11, 1882.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 4th inst. asking me to examine the vouchers accompanying your bullion accounts for the 3rd quarter, 1882, for the purpose of finding a mislaid receipt for silver deposit by the Anglo Californian Bank and to return it to you if found, I have to inform you that you will find it inclosed in b/d. No. 2, herewith returned.

I also return certificates of deposit, Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 and accompanying Mint receipts forwarded with

your bullion accounts, for the reason that the deposits were returned to the depositors and consequently these vouchers form no portion of your accounts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director. ✓

John A. Dornier, Esq.

December 11, 1882.

Melter, U. S. Mint

Denver, Col.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 6th instant is received. I will present to the Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives having in charge the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Appropriation Bill, the reasons given by the Assayer in charge, for the increase in your salary, and in that of the weigh clerk.

The law does not require your salary to be fixed at \$2500, but limits it at that rate, leaving it of course with the Appropriation Committee to provide what they deem sufficient, not exceeding that amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Charles S. Platt.

December 12, 1882.

4 Liberty Place.

New York.

I will see you at the New York Assay Office on Thursday at twelve M. instead of Wednesday.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

December 12, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and ten cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director.

Similar telegram addressed to.Supt. Mint.

Carson Nev.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Superintendent Mint.

December 12, 1882.

Carson City.

Nevada. ✓

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to the fact that the brief upon letters received from your Mint is not full enough, and does not clearly denote the contents. Please see to it that your letters are properly briefed before mailing them, and that the brief or those enclosing reports or statements indicates the character of the report or statement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Edw. C. Cornish Esq.

December 12, 1882.

68 William Street.

New York City.

Sir:

I received your postal card calling my attention to the amount due your paper. "The New York Shipping and Commercial List, and New York Price Current" for subscription from Dec 24, 1882 to Dec 24, 1883, for \$9.00.

I desire the paper continued during the period

granted, and as soon as your bill can be passed, that is to say, as soon as the subscription date commences, I will approve your account, and refer it for settlement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchase.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge.

December 12, 1882.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882, a bill of the Union Pacific R.R. Co. for the transportation of crucibles shipped you in the month of September 1881, amounting to \$10.05.

also a bill of the Colorado Central R.R. Co. for freight on same amounting to \$2.40, also, a bill of the Kansas Division of the Union Pacific R.R. Co. for shipment in the same month, of two (2) boxes of stationery from Kansas City to Denver, amounting to \$5.35.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchase.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge.

December 12, 1882.

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

500 Reports by Mining Companies.

1000 Circulars to Mining Companies.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchase.

Quicksilver.

Emer & Amend.

December 12, 1882.

205 3rd Avenue,

New York.

Gents;

Your bill of the 4th instant for chemical apparatus purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$16. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Southwick Guthrie Esq.

December 12, 1882.

Washington D. C.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement the following accounts.

A bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co for \$369.46.

A bill of the Colorado Central R. R. Co for \$2.40.

A bill of the Kansas Division of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for \$5.35. and a bill of the Utah and Northern R. R. Co. for \$114.95. for the transportation of Mount supplies during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.

December 12, 1882.

Helena, Mont.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement

a bill of the Utah and Northern R.R. Co. for the shipment in the month of September 1881, of certain supplies to your care from Ogden to Dillon amounting to \$114.95 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

December 12, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and refining expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending November 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

December 12, 1882.

Sir:

C.D. No 260 for \$94.94 being on account of charges other than refining and parting for November enclosed in your communication of the 9th instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bulletin accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

December 12, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir:

C. I. No 259 for \$49.12 being on account of parting and refining charges for November 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Supt. Mint.

December 12, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I respectfully call your attention to the fact that a number of letters have come from your Mint recently, addressed to this office, which are not briefed as to the contents, and as it imposed additional labor upon this office, I will thank you to see that all letters addressed to the Department from your Mint, are hereafter briefed before mailing, as required by Treasury Department circular of 1873.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quintor.

M. C. Reicher.

December 12, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. and the sample of ore forwarded, have been received. The Assayer states that he has tested the sample for gold and silver, and that it does not contain either of those metals. The ore is a species of Limestone, and has some plumbago ass-

ciated with it. From the character of the ore he does not think it carries any of the precious metals.

Very respectfully,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 12, 1892.

San Francisco.

Sir,

✓ The following coins received during the month of November at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz

4 Double Eagles	\$80.00
4 Standard Silver Dollars	4.00
Total Value	84.00

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 12, 1892.

San Francisco.

Sir,

✓ I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, Bills of the Union Pacific R.R. Co for the transportation from Council Bluffs to Ogden, in the month of September 1891, of twenty (20) casks of copper and 671 slabs of spelter, consigned to your care, amounting to \$389.41 of which amount \$205.14 is payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1892, and \$154.27 from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

T. H. Lussig, Esq.

December 12, 1882.

Harvard University.

Cambridge Mass.

Sir

I have your request of the 9th inst for me to tell where you "can find tables of the imports and exports of gold and silver (coin or bullion) to and from the United States from 1789 to the present."

I have never seen any tables of coin or bullion import and export commencing earlier than the year 1821. A table from that year to the close of the fiscal year 1875 was furnished in 1876 by the Bureau of Statistics to Sir Edward Thornton, and is published in the appendix, page 144 and 145, to the report to the English House of Commons from the Select Committee on the Depreciation of Silver. The table is not very satisfactory earlier than 1864, because prior to that year the domestic exports of gold and silver were not separated, and prior to 1855 the exports of coin and bullion were not separately noted, but all embraced under one general head. — gold and silver bullion and coin.

A similar table, giving the gold and silver coin and bullion imports and exports from 1821 to 1879, is published in Mr Nimmo's Statistical Abstract of the United States of 1879, pp. 34, 35, 36, 37, a copy of which I send you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

December 13, 1882.

Philadelphia.

I will be at your Mint at half-past one to-day.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Inspector.

Telegram Supt. Mint

December 13th 1882.

Carson City.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred nine and eight tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram addressed to.

Supt. Mint.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans. ✓

Philadelphia

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco. ✓

Supt. Mint.

December 13, 1882.

Carson City

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 5th inst I have to call your attention to the fact that all requisitions for stationery must be made on the form supplied by the Department, a few copies of which are herewith enclosed together with Circular of instructions - No 151 with which you will comply in future, in making requisitions either for blank forms or stationery. The form enclosed can only be used for the latter.

As it is time to make requisition for your semi-annual supply of stationery, the item of paper asked for in the letter above referred to can be included therein.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director

Supt. Mint.

December 18, 1882.

Carson City.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil the earnings and expenditures of your Mint for the

quarter ended September 30 1882, forwarded as a corrected one in your letter of the 5th inst.

The expenses from the appropriation contained in the act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar were during the quarter named \$96.81 instead of \$98.61 as entered in your statement.

As your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1882 have not arrived, I have not the proper data for checking the other entries on this statement.

I will thank you to inform me why it is that your bullion accounts for the quarter named have been delayed so long. If you have not already done so, please forward them at once.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 13, 1882.

Carson City.

Sir:

The following coins received during the month of November at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz:

1 Double Eagle \$20.00

3 Std. Silver Dollars 3.00

Total value \$23.00

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 13, 1882.

Carson City.

Sir:

C. I. No 453 for \$1942.64 being on account of parting and refining charges for November 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 4th inst. has been received, properly

endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 13, 1882.

Carson City.

Sir,

C.D. No 454 for \$25.59 being on account of charges for melting Galley collected in November, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

December 13, 1882.

Nelana, Mont.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz;

1000 Assayer's Reports No. 39. D.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

December 13, 1882.

New York City.

Sir,

I have to request that you will transmit to this

Office the Official oath of Michael Naley recently appointed a
 Helper in the Mints and Refiners Department of your institution.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 13, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

In compliance with your letter of the 9th instant I
 transmit herewith copy of a letter from the Secretary of
 the Treasury, under date of June 22, last relative to
 changing inscription on life saving medals.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 13, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Referring to your letter relative to the use of the head
 of a lion on the attachment of the gold life-saving
 medal, I transmit herewith copy of a letter from the
 Secretary of the Treasury upon the subject.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 13, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary,
 Refinery, and Statistical Expense Accounts with Abstracts
 and Vouchers for the month ending November 30th 1882.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 14. 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit; of-

Wandy & Gronie 150,000 ounces at \$ 1.0934

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Merada Bank

December 14. 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

James B. Colgate & Co.

J & W. Seligman & Co.

47 Wall Street, New York.

New York.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

December 14. 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and one-half cents per ounce fine. Director.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Supt. Mint.

Supt. Mint.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia,

New Orleans,

Carson City.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. December 14, 1882.
Denver Colorado.
 Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred and nine
and thirty-four hundredths cents per ounce fine.
 R. C. Preston.
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram Ward & Cronce. December 14, 1882.
24 Nassau Street,
New York.
 One hundred thousand ounces accepted for New Orleans
 and One hundred and fifty thousand ounces accepted
 for Philadelphia.
 R. C. Preston.
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint. December 14, 1882.
New Orleans.
 Receive from Ward & Cronce one hundred thousand ounces,
 and from Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. forty-five thousand
 ounces both, at one hundred and nine and thirty-four
hundredths cents per ounce fine.
 R. C. Preston.
Confirmed Acting Director.

First Auditor December 14, 1882.
Treasury Department
 Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the
 Ordinary Refinery and Statistical expense accounts of the
 Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco for the
 month ending November 30th 1882 rendered to me for the
 purpose of adjustment as required by law.

See Mem. on abstract of ordinary account.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director

Treas. Auditor.

December 14, 1892.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho for the second & third Quarters 1892, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

December 14, 1892.

Boise City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the Quarters ending June 30th & Sept 30, 1892 with my approval.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

December 14, 1892.

Boise City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December 1892 has been approved for the sum of \$55.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1893	<u>\$25,270</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	<u>397.30</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Boon City.

December 14, 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending November 30, 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Thomas Gordon Esq.
61 Broadway.
New York.

December 14, 1882.

Sir;

In response to your request of yesterday, I send you by current mail a copy of the Annual Report of the Mint for 1881.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Joseph P. Hazard Esq.
New Port. R. I.

December 14, 1882.

Sir;

Your letter of blank date addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to the form of the Twenty cent piece, has been referred to this office.

This coin was abolished by the act of May 2nd 1878, and none have been coined or issued since that date.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

December 14, 1882.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper account-

ing Officers of the Department for examination and settlement,
your expense accounts for the month of November 1882, with
my approval, except Voucher No 211. Ordinary Account, for
services of T. N. Morrison as clerk in the General Department
which I have recommended be disallowed, the payment being
in violation of Section 3682 of the Revised Statutes which says
"no moneys appropriated for Contingent, Incidental, or
Miscellaneous purposes shall be expended or paid for official
or clerical compensation"

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon R. W. Townsend.

December 14, 1882.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assay's report upon the sample
of ore sent to this office on the 11th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 14, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment, bill of the Philadelphia
Inquirer amounting to 9.75 for advertising for proposals for
Oak and Pine wood.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 14, 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment, bill of the Evening News Co.

of your City for advertising for proposals for oak and pine wood
amounting to \$11,250.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

December 15. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the
Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent
of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month end-
ing November 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of
adjustment as required by law, very respectfully

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

December 15. 1882.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your
office be increased \$10,000 by a transfer of that amount and
that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant
Treasurer, U. S., at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. G. Hutchinson Esq.

December 15. 1882.

12 Chatham St.

Boston.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 13th inst. relative to the val-
uation of Foreign coin. In estimating the values of the
units, gold coins are compared with the U. S. gold

Standard, and silver units of countries of the silver standard with the average price of silver bullion for the last three months of the year preceding the date on which the estimation is made.
January 1st

The values of the silver units will be revised and promulgated on the first of January 1883.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Nicholson & Co.

December 15, 1882.

"New Orleans Picayune."

New Orleans La.

Gents;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of your paper for advertising proposals for supplies for the Mint at New Orleans, under date of June 19, 1882.

The amount of the bill as rendered was \$25.30. It has been approved for \$21.52 and in the course of ten days a draft for the latter amount will be probably mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

U.S. Mint.

December 15, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the New Orleans Picayune, for advertising proposals for Mint supplies in the month of June 1882, amounting to \$21.52, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

December 15th. 1882.New York City.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refining Expense accounts for the month ending November 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 15th. 1882.Philadelphia.

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst, requesting to be informed of the rates to be paid the Adams Express Company for the transportation of minor coins from your Mint to points in the States of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and the Territories of New Mexico and Dakota, I have to state that the agreement of the Express Company is to transport these coins at the rate of four and a half (4 1/2) per cent, the same rate as is now paid to points in Texas.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

December 15th. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. be indicated Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. L. Staunton Esq.,
123, E. 58th St
New York

December 16, 1882.

Sir:

In response to your letter of yesterday I take pleasure in transmitting you a copy of the last report upon the production of gold and silver in the United States.

The supply of Raymonds reports has been long since exhausted; from an advertisement in the Engineering and Mining Journal I see they can be purchased from the Scientific Publishing Company 27 Park Place (Box 1833) New York.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 16, 1882.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department a bill of the Union Pacific R.R. Co for the transportation in the month of February 1882 from Council Bluffs to Ogden of one (1) case of Stationery and 71 slabs of spelter consigned to your care amounting to \$42.06 of which amount \$6.92 is payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882, and \$35.14 from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Clerk in Charge.

December 16, 1882.

Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst. requesting blank pay-rolls for the use of your office, I would say that inasmuch

as the supply of this office is also exhausted you will make your monthly payments on warrants instead until such time as a new supply can be obtained.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Southwick Guthrie Esq.

December 16, 1882.

Washington D. C.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for the transportation of Mint supplies in the month of February 1882. From Council Bluffs to Ogden, amounting to \$427.01

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Assayer in Charge.

December 16, 1882.

Helena, Mont.

Leave of absence granted you for thirty days.

R. C. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 16, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name, the sum of \$160,505.09 on account of profits on coinage of standard silver dollars, and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

December 16. 1882.

New York City.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz;

10,000 Assay's reports on gold bullion deposits.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 16. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I return herewith your letter of the 15th inst. for signature.
Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 16. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your letter of the 11th inst. to the Treasurer of the United States, stating that you had, by his direction charged in the "Recorriage Account" the sum of \$12,722.91 to liquidate in part the loss by recorriage of silver five-cent pieces, leaving a balance of \$508.84 on same unsettled, has been referred to this office.

In reply I enclose herewith copy of a letter addressed by this Office to the Secretary of the Treasury, from which you will observe that the sum of \$508.84 was deducted from the total wastage \$13,231.75, making the amount for which the Treasurer was to be reimbursed \$12,722.91. This was done in order to save the appropriation, that as many of the uncirculated coins in the Treasury might be recovered as possible.

You will therefore credit the Treasurer in the "Recorriage Account" with the sum of five hundred and eight dollars

and eighty four cents (\$08.84) in liquidation of the loss on the recoinage of uncurrent silver coins.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Richards & Co.

December 16, 1882.

398 Broadway.

New York.

Send by express four muffles fourteen by five and a half.
by four and a quarter.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

December 16, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of E. F. Burton Supt of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Six and $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars (\$273,786.10) on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

December 16, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of A. W. Smyth Supt Mint U. S. at New Orleans La., the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand, Seven Hundred five and $\frac{9}{100}$ dollars (\$160,505.09) on account of the profits on the coinage of

Standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

December 16 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, Bills of the Union Pacific R. R. Co for the transportation in the month of February, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, of three (3) cases of Sorting Machine, twenty (20) casks of copper, and 749 slabs of spelter, consigned to your care, amounting to \$384.95 of which amount \$213.54 is payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30 1882; and \$171.41 from the appropriation for parting and refining Bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

December 16, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name, the sum of \$213,786.10 on account of profits on the coinage of Standard silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

R. C. Turner Esq.

December 16, 1882.

Youngstown, O.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I forward you a copy of the Director's Annual Report for 1882, and enclose herewith a copy of the Regulations governing the price of proof coins for sale at the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 18, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for payment the account of "The Daily Sun and Item" for advertising for proposals for 14 Blanks amounting to \$17, and of the "Inquirer" for advertising for proposals for nickel amounting to \$10.50.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mint Auditor.

December 18, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bulletin accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the Quarter ending September 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Trust Auditor.

December 18. 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending November 30. 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quictor

Trust Auditor.

December 18. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. for the month ending October 31st 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quictor.

Trust Auditor.

December 18. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at St Louis Mo. for the month ending November 30. 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quictor.

C. A. & A. L. Fowler.

December 18, 1882.

1914 Brown St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen,

Your bill of the 14th instant for 24 muffles purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau amounting to \$32.95 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quiclor.

Assayer in Charge

December 18, 1882.

Charlotte N.C.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending Oct. 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

The Financier Association.

December 18, 1882.

Box 1319

New York.

Gentlemen,

Your bill of the 4th inst for One years subscription from that date to the "Public" purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$6.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard. Quiclor.

A. Glock, Esq.

December 18, 1882.

California Electric Works.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant relative to the adjusting machine recently put up in the San Francisco Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Southwick Guthrie Esq.

December 18, 1882.

Washington D. C.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for the transportation in the month of January 1882, of one (1) box of merchandise from Council Bluffs to Ogden consigned to the Assayer at Helena, Montana, amounting to \$6.10

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Harrington Fitzgerald Esq.

December 18, 1882.

Proprietor "Daily Sun & Stem".
Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your account amounting to \$16.5 for advertising for proposals for 1st blanks, authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of April 19, 1882 has been referred to this office. I have to inform you that the appropriation from which this is properly payable is exhausted and that the same cannot be paid until a deficiency appropriation is obtained for that purpose. In future when advertisements are given to your paper through this office,

I have to request that you will be particular and promptly transmit the bills therefor, in order that they may be paid during the year in which the expenditure occurs, and thus save not only annoyance to this office but to yourself.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

R. B. Hanson, Esq.,

December 18, 1882.

U. S. Assay Office

Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation in the month of January 1882, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, of one box of merchandise consigned to your care, amounting to \$10 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your institution, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

Messrs Merchant & Co.

December 18, 1882.

#525 Arch St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me on receipt hereof, by telegram the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver, free on board of cars, to the U. S. Quartermaster at Chicago, twenty (20) tons Buttha Zinc for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

December 18, 1882.

Sir;

C.D. No 1700 for \$ 10,485.38 being on account of parting & refining charges for November 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 16th inst. has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quicksilver.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

December 18, 1882.

Sir;

C.D. No 1701 for \$ 173.26 being on account of melting, alloy & bar charges for November 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 16th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

December 18, 1882.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2000 Letters of advice of shipment of standard silver dollars. No 106. a.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard Quicksilver.

Supt. Army Office,
New York.

December 18, 1882.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

10 000 Memorandums of Gold Bullion deposited No 42. C.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mmt.
New Orleans.

December 18, 1882.

Sir,

I return herewith the list of distances to places in Texas enclosed in your letter of the 7th inst.

You will notice that some changes have been made in the distances made in your list, and you will only pay for such distances as now appear on the list returned you. The distance to Quitman Co should be 570 miles instead of 916, as stated in your letter.

I have been unable to verify the distance to Dawson Texas given in your letter of the 7th inst as 920 miles.

If you could name the county in which this place is located, the distance could probably be verified. But until verified you are authorized to pay for the distance (920) to that place.

It will be necessary for you to revise, and forward a statement of the distances to all other points in Texas heretofore verified, which can be reached by the short route, via Shreveport, as after the opening of the Shreveport route, the distances will be computed and allowed by that route only.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Capt. Mmit.

December 18. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting of
 fees of the Department for examination and settlement
 your ordinary expense account for the month ending
 November 30, 1882. with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Capt. Mmit.

December 18. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your letter of the 15th of December was duly received and
 the specimens of five-cent pieces which it describes.

I think it is a beautiful coin, and a great improve-
 ment on the present five-cent copper nickel.

I have just conferred with the Secretary in re-
 gard to it, and the only objection that he makes is,
 that it is not a literal compliance with Section 3517 of
 the revised Statutes, which requires the inscription "United
 States of America" to be on the reverse of the coin.

I called his attention to the fact that not one of
 the present silver or minor coins, from the standard
 dollar down, literally complies with the law in respect
 to the side of the coin on which the inscription shall be
 placed, some of the coins omitting one of the inscrip-
 tions required by law.

Before submitting for his approval a letter authori-
 zing the issue of the proposed new coin, he desired me
 to call your attention to this defect for your consider-
 ation whether any change could be made to obviate it.

Perhaps it would be easier to amend the law than to change
 the coins which do not comply literally with the present law.

Very respectfully. Horatio C. Buchard. Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

December 18, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for payment, the account of the "Daily Sun and Item" amounting to \$86 for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your Mint for the current fiscal year. As the balance to the credit of the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint is not sufficient to pay that amount, you are hereby authorized to pay the same from moneys advanced you from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver dollars as the supplies were chiefly used in that coinage.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard,

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

December 18, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

C.D. No 5647 for \$84.36 being on account of parting & refining charges for November 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 16th inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting & refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

December 18, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

C.D. No 5648 for \$52.71 being on account of charges other than refining in November 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 16th inst. has been received, properly

endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be entered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

December 18, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ C/S No 476 for \$199.59 being on account of melting charges for November 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 11th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be entered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

December 18, 1882

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ C/S No 477 for \$13208.49 being on account of parting & refining charges for November 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 11th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be entered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining bullion.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mmt.

December 18, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ Cf S M 478 for \$191.72 being an account of alloy charges for November 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 11th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant audit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Supt Mmt.

December 18, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Sept 30, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

December 18, 1882.

St Louis Mo.

Sir:

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending November 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

December 18. 1881

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that the stock of standard silver dollars in the U. S. Mint at New Orleans has been reduced on the 15th instant to \$800,000 and the Superintendent reports that the predications were that this sum would soon be exhausted in which case the Mint would be unable, unless a transfer was made from the Treasury by increasing the bullion fund, to make shipments of such coin under the regulations provided by the Director of the Mint and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. September 3, 1878.

As it would appear to be desirable to supply the public demand for silver dollars, I respectfully request that the bullion fund of the New Orleans Mint be increased One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that sum from the U. S. Sub Treasury at New Orleans and by this means the Mint will be enabled to meet the demands of the public.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Mint Auditor.

December 19. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col. for the month ending November 19th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

First Auditor

December 19, 1882.

Treasury Department

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho for the month ending November 30, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor.

Assayer in Charge

December 19, 1882.

Boise City.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending November 30, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor.

Assayer in Charge.

December 19, 1882.

Denver Col.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending November 30, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor.

Southwick Guthrie Esq.

December 19, 1892.

Washington, D.C.

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting office of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for the transportation in the month of January 1892 of certain articles of merchandise from Council Bluffs to Ogden, consigned to the care of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco amounting to \$15.38

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Receiver in Charge.

December 19, 1892.

Helena Mon.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

250 Certificates of Silver deposited for bars.

40 Accounts Current.

40 Abstracts of Disbursements.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Messrs Merchant & Co.,

December 19, 1892.

525 Arch St

Philadelphia

Gentlemen

Your offer to deliver twenty (20) tons of Buttha Spello, at 83 1/4¢ per pound, f.o.b. at Chicago, to the U. S. Quartermaster for shipment to the San Francisco Mint, is accepted. I will thank you to deliver the same as early as practicable, to Col. C. W. Tompkins, Chief Quartermaster in charge of depot at Chicago and transmit your account in duplicate with Quartermaster's receipt to this office.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

E. M. Moreman Esq.

December 19, 1882.

General Manager Pacific Express Company.

Omaha Neb.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. calling attention to the matter of transportation of gold bullion from the U. S. Mint at Denver Col to the Philadelphia Mint on government account, and in reply have to inform you that the contract with the Adams Express Company was made by the Secretary of the Treasury and in accordance therewith instructions were given by this office for the transportation of bullion by that company upon the terms therein agreed to.

I have referred your letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, for such action as he may deem proper in the premises.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

December 19, 1882.

New York City.

Sir;

Referring to your communication of the 16th inst in which you state that Mr Batten, whose appointment in your institution as an assistant was submitted for approval on the 25th of Sept last, was employed on the 17th of July and took the oath of office at that date and that since that time he has been paid from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your office, I deem to say that it is not proper to employ persons, except such temporary labor as may be required for any special work which cannot be performed by the regular force, without the approval of the Director, and that all appointments who subscribe to an official oath should be paid from the appropriation made by Congress for "Wages of workmen".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director.

Telegram

Charles S. Platt.

December 19, 1882.

4 Liberty Place.

New York.

The Secretary will see you tomorrow.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger

December 19, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Edward J. Butler Esq.

December 19, 1882.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco

Sir;

I have this day requested that the bullion fund be increased by a transfer of 1,000,000 silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 19, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement

a bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for the transportation in the month of January 1882, of certain articles of merchandise consigned to your care from Council Bluffs to Ogden amounting to \$18.38 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Unit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Unit.

December 19, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz;

500 Daily reports of the Register of Deposits.

500 Notifications to depositors of silver bullion.

2000 Notices of delivery of silver dollars on Treasury certificates of deposit (#106. C.)

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

John G. Taylor Esq.

December 19, 1882.

Omaha Neb.

Sir;

I have approved and referred your letter of the 16th inst. relative to a bill of Mr. S. J. Cutler for clerical services in compiling statements of shipments of ore and Bullion over the Union Pacific R. R.

Mr Cutler's account was presented to the accounting officers of the Treasury Department some days since, and upon inquiry, I find that a draft will be mailed tomorrow or day after to his address.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Col. C. N. Timpkins.

December 19, 1882.

Chief Quartermaster U.S. Army.
Chicago Ill.

Sir;

I have requested Messrs Merchant & Co of Philadelphia to deliver to you two tons of Spelter for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco which I will thank you to receive as provided by general order No 66, dated July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Wm Chas J. Folger.

December 20, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana to that of the Assay Office at New York of the sum of Eight thousand Three hundred and Eighty-one $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars \$ 8381.43 in gold coin and One Hundred $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars (\$ 101.37 in silver coin making a total of Eight thousand Four hundred and Eighty-one $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars (\$ 8481.80) being the net value of Bullion Receipts forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena Mint for coinage as shown by memorandum No 4304, dated Dec 12, 1882 of Gold bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint

December 20, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have to request that as soon as practicable after the 1st of January you will procure and transmit to this office a statement of the imports and exports of bullion and coin.

at the port of San Francisco during the calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Telegram ✓

Anglo Californian Bank.
San Francisco.

December 21, 1882.

Your offer declined

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram ✓

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver Colorado

James B. Colgate & Co.

47, Wall Street, N.Y.

J. A. Kaurer, Treasurer.

Mohl & Pollitz

18 Exchange Building.

San Francisco.

Philadelphia

California ✓

Telegram ✓

Supt. Mint.

December 21, 1882.

Carson City.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and nine cents per ounce fine.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Similar telegram sent to.

Superintendent Mint. San Francisco ✓ California

Telegram ✓

Supt. Mint.

December 21, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Receive eighty thousand ounces from Nandy & Co. at one hundred nine and thirty nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director. ✓

Telegram. Wandy & Cronie.

December 21, 1882.

24 Nassau Street

New York.

✓ Your offers of eighty thousand ounces for New Orleans and fifty thousand ounces for Philadelphia at one hundred and thirty one hundredths cent per ounce accepted other declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Circular.

Method for ascertaining the alloy charge.

Treasury Department.

Bureau of the Mint.

December 21, 1882.

To Superintendents and Officers in Charge of United States Mints and Assay Offices.

In computing the alloy charge upon bullion to be paid for in gold coin and containing both gold and sufficient silver (over $\frac{10}{1000}$) to require parting or refining the number of ounces of copper required will be ascertained by taking $\frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{99} = \frac{89}{990}$ or practically (except for large deposits) $\frac{1}{11}$ of the ¹⁹⁹⁰ ounces of gold at standard fineness contained in the deposit.

On gold bullion deposited for gold coin and not requiring parting or refining the alloy charge will be imposed for $\frac{1}{10}$ of the number of ounces of gold of standard fineness contained in the deposit less the number of ounces of copper or copper and silver contained therein.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Edwin Bouwemith Esq.
Rich Hill Bates Co.
Missouri.

December 21, 1892.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. addressed to the U. S. Department requesting to be informed of the premium on a half dollar of the coinage of 1819, has been referred to this office.

Coins which from their parity are worth more than their face value are purchased and sold by numismatists and dealers in old coins, to whom you should apply.

I am unable to say whether the price to which you refer commands a premium.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Bosci City.

December 21, 1882.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, copy of circular letter of instructions explaining the method to be followed in ascertaining the number of ounces of copper upon which the alloy charge provided for on page 7 of the Book of Instructions is to be imposed, which you will please observe on and after the 1st proximo.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter sent to:

Assayer in Charge. Chailotte.

Supt. Mint. Cañon City

" " " Denver

" " New Orleans

" " " Helena

" " Philadelphia

" " " New York

" " " St Louis

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

December 21, 1882.

Sir:

The following Blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Letters of transmittal bullion quotations, No 128.

1000 Letters relating to bids for supplies.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

December 21, 1882.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint in lots of less than 10 000 ounces, will be \$1.0925 per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

December 21, 1882.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Acctd and Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Nandy & Cronce 50,000 ounces at \$1.0939.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Messrs N. Mohr's sons.

December 21, 1882.

633 Chestnut St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 16th inst, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to me.

You state that you consume in the manufacture of jewelry, cases &c. "from six to eight thousand dollars gold a week" and to get fine U. S. bars must buy in New York or deposit gold coin in the Mint to have fine bars in return, and that thousands of dollars are melted of coin in your city for lack of facilities to get fine bars.

At my suggestion an Act (Approved May 26, 1882 Chapter 195, Session Laws 1881-82) was passed at the last Session of Congress authorizing the coinage mints and New York Assay Office to exchange gold bars for gold coin in sums not less than five thousand dollars, value for value. Under this provision you have the right to such gold bars of \$5,000 value as may be in the mint in exchange for the same value of unimpaired, legal United States gold coin.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

New York Daily Bulletin Association

December 21, 1882.

#32 Broadway

New York City.

Gentlemen.

You will please discontinue the subscription of this office to the "Daily Commercial Bulletin" as I no longer require the information contained in it for official use.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Augusto José da Cunha,
 Director of the Mint.
 Lisbon.

December 21, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your complimentary note of the 4th instant and to beg your acceptance of a copy of my annual report as Director of the Mint which I mail you to day. I should be pleased to receive your report as Director of the Lisbon Mint and any other documents you may be able to send relative to the monetary affairs of your country.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 21, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Abstract Clerks receipts for silver deposits.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. Mint

December 21, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Daily reports of the High Clerk.

500 Engineer's daily reports

250 Statements of amount of coin on hand.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 21, 1892.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th instant is received. Your main question is on the subject of the alloy charge because it was found on examining the methods of ascertaining at the Mints and the New York Assay Office the amount of copper required for the alloy of gold bullion deposited for payment of its value in coin that different rules were followed at your Mint, the New York Assay Office, and the Philadelphia Mint.

On my return to the Office about the 1st inst. my attention was called to the matter, and although, in looking at the cases to which your attention had been called, I was of the opinion, that, in computing the amount of copper alloy required, a deduction had been, and should be made of $\frac{1}{99}$ of the standard weight of gold for the silver alloy left therein, and not allowed to the depositor, and believed a deduction in such cases proper, yet before taking up the matter for the purpose of establishing a uniform rule I thought it advisable to wait for your explanation, and to hear from the Philadelphia Mint, and the New York Assay Office, the reasons which had led them to adopt their own methods.

I have considered your letter of the 5th inst. and the reasons given by the offices for the methods pursued at the Philadelphia Mint and the New York Assay Office and have arrived at the following conclusion;

In case of a deposit of bullion containing gold and sufficient silver (over $\frac{1}{1000}$ to permit parting or refining) the amount of copper alloy required would be $\frac{1}{10}$ less $\frac{1}{99}$ of the standard weight of the gold, equal to $\frac{89}{990}$ instead of $\frac{1}{11}$ as stated by you; but this fraction is so near $\frac{1}{11}$, the difference being but $\frac{1}{990}$, that, for deposits containing less than one thousand ounces, it may be considered sufficiently accurate to compute the alloy as $\frac{1}{11}$ of the standard weight of the gold. On deposits of gold

bullion not needed to be parted or refined, the alloy consisting of copper (or copper and silver in the proportions allowed by law) the charge should be only for the ounces of copper required to bring the bullion to standard, that is, $\frac{1}{10}$ the number of ounces of gold of standard fineness less the ounces of copper or copper and silver contained in the deposit. For instance, for a deposit of gold bullion 916 $\frac{2}{3}$ fine containing 83 $\frac{1}{3}$ thousandths of copper or copper and silver, of which the latter does not exceed $\frac{1}{1000}$ the amount of copper required for alloy on one thousand ounces of standard gold would be $\frac{1}{10}$ of the standard weight of the gold (one hundred ounces) less the number of ounces of copper contained in the deposit, namely 83 $\frac{1}{3}$ thousandths of the gross weight of the deposit.

If such gold deposit were 990 fine the allowance to the depositor for the alloy contained in his deposit would be $\frac{10}{1000}$, and if 995 fine it would be $\frac{5}{1000}$ of the gross weight of the deposit.

I have prepared a circular letter stating the method of computing the copper alloy charge in conformity with these views and enclose you a copy, and you will please observe the directions it contains in hereafter imposing the alloy charge.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

A. R. Spofford Esq.
Librarian of Congress.

December 21, 1882.

Sir,

Please inform me whether you have copies of the laws of Uruguay, and for what years.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Treas. Auditor

December 22, 1882.

Treasury Department

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena Mon. for the month ending November 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor. ✓

Southwick Guthrie Esq.

December 22, 1882.

Washington D.C.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting office of the Department for examination and settlement a Bill of the Union Pacific R.R. Co. for the transportation in the month of March 1882, from Crowl Bluffs to Ogden, of 752 slabs of spelter and 272 pigs of copper, consigned to the care of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to \$351.32.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor. ✓

Assayer in charge.

December 22, 1882.

Helena Mon.

Sir

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting office of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending November 30th 1882 with my approval

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor ✓

Supt. Mint.

December 22, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

Cf. I. No 27637 for \$ 1605.05⁰⁹ being on account of profits on coinage of St. Silver Dollars enclosed in your communication of the — has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to be given you in your 'bullion' accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

December 22, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special Assay Coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of November 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

Messrs Pope, Cole & Co.

December 22, 1882.

37 South Gay St.

Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen;

Your offer to deliver to the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans ten (10) tons of best Ingot copper at 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per pound is accepted. I will thank you to ship the same without delay, transmitting your account in duplicate accompanied by bill of lading to this office.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

December 22, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have your letter of the 20th instant, in regard to the coinage of the first-cent nickel piece, and have submitted it to the Secretary.

He says he is not willing officially to approve the issue of a new coin not conforming to the requirements of the law as to its device and inscription.

He admitted that there was much force in the reasons you gave for placing the inscription "United States of America" on the obverse instead of the reverse, and that these provisions possibly might be dictatory, and their literal observance not essential, as seemed to have been the construction in the past, but if any change were made with his sanction, he thought the new coin ought to conform to the requirements of the law. I cannot therefore, with the views he at present entertains, obtain his official sanction to the issue of the coin you propose unless the inscription "United States of America" is placed upon the reverse, or the law is modified.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quedor.

See

pp. 72, 167.
in Book 32,
p. 46.

Supt. Mint.

December 22, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

Cf. S. No 27,636 for \$273,785.⁰⁰ being on account of profits on the coinage of St. Silver Dollars, enclosed in your communication of the — has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bulletin Accounts, and the amount to be carried into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quedor.

Supt. Mmit.

December 22, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting office of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Union Pacific R.R. Co. for the transportation in the month of March 1882 from Council Bluffs to Ogden of 762 slabs of spelter and 212 gigs of copper consigned to your care, amounting to \$351.32, of which amount, \$179.91 will be paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mmit. for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882, and \$171.41 from the appropriation for packing and refining.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

A. S. Bell, Esq.

December 22, 1882.

Wheelersville, Clay Co.
Alabama.

Sir;

Referring to your postal card of the 15th inst., I have to state that rare coins are not purchased by this office, nor is any coin catalogue issued by it.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

John C. Kimball, Esq.

December 22, 1882.

Newton Mass.

Sir;

Referring to your note of the 20th instant, I have to inform you that a "set of proof coins (silver and subsidiary) for 1882" can probably be obtained by applying to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Telegram. Pope Cole & Co. December 22, 1882.
57 South Gay Street.
Baltimore, Md.

Please name lowest price at which you will deliver ten tons of
Copper to Smith at New Orleans.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram. Assayer in Charge December 23, 1882.
Charlotte.

See letter with inst. If after first proximo agent of Express
Company refuses to receive and forward bullion, transmit by reg-
ular mail. Charges for transportation of bullion deposited in
current month should be paid by you. See letter of November 21st.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

First Auditor December 23, 1882.

Treasury Department.
Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the
supplementary ordinary expense account of the Assayer in
charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho for the fi-
scal year ending June 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of
adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Assayer in Charge December 23, 1882.
Boise City.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting
offices of the Department for examination and settlement your sup-
plemental expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1882
with my approval. Very respectfully. Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

December 23. 1882.

New York, N. Y.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

5500 Certificate of gold deposited.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 22. 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir;

Genl. Rosecrans called upon me yesterday, and stated that he and Mr Fisher, Chairman of the Committee on Coinage, had requested you and the Comr of your Mint to have a specimen one-cent minor coin prepared of a form and shape he had described to you, the sides of which should be made concave and with a raised point in the centre, so that it could be distinguished by the touch.

If you understand what they wish, you are authorized to comply with the request, and if not please write to Genl. Rosecrans or Mr Fisher for a fuller explanation.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 23. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have your letter of the 19th instant enclosing for my consideration forms upon which to report the account of the purchase and disposition of the silver bullion received for coinage into standard dollars, and have concluded it is preferable that the forms should distinguish and separately report the amount procured for coinage into standard dollars

the amount of bullion received for the subsidiary coinage, and the coins received from the Treasurer for pecuniage. It also seems to me desirable that your quarterly accounts and these statements should agree, and that the ounces and cost of silver purchased for coinage into standard dollars, that received for coinage into subsidiary silver, and the coins received from the Treasurer for pecuniage should be entered and kept in separate accounts.

The First Auditor, Genl. Reynolds, concurs with me in this view. I will therefore return you your Bullion Accounts for last quarter so that the bullion transferred in August from the New York Assay Office at the standard dollar coinage rate — 130,796.65 standard ounces at \$12.19974 which was not purchased, and has not yet been officially ordered by the Secretary to be purchased for coinage or to be coined into standard dollars, shall be carried on your books and accounts distinct from silver bullion purchased for the standard dollar coinage. In like manner the bullion, weight and value of the uncoined silver coins received from the Treasurer for pecuniage should be kept in a separate account.

These corrections will require you to open two additional accounts, under separate headings, crediting "silver bullion purchase account" and charging these accounts respectively, the former for the bullion received from New York and the latter for the bullion received from the Treasurer for pecuniage.

What disposition in the accounts will be made of the silver bullion received from New York will depend upon a future order of the Secretary. It is silver belonging to the Bullion Fund that was carried on the New York Assay Office Accounts in their "silver bullion deposit account" having been received in former years in payment of charges or parted from gold. Belonging therefore to the silver deposit account at that institution it should remain in a similar account at your institution, and not be carried into the account of silver bullion purchased for

the standard dollar coinage unless ordered or purchased by the Secretary; but as it is computed at a different rate than silver bullion now deposited for bars, it seems preferable to keep it a bit separate from the latter. This is done at the New York Assay Office, they having two deposit silver accounts, one at \$1. and the other at \$1.16 $\frac{1}{4}$ per standard ounce. If the right to coin subsidiary silver under Sections 3526 and 3527 of the Revised Statutes, was not repealed by the Act of July 22, 1876 but still exists, so far as to coin and pay out at the Mint subsidiary silver coins in exchange for gold coin, then the best way will be for an order to be issued to coin this silver into subsidiary silver coins.

I will consult with the law officers of the Department and with the Secretary on this subject and inform you of our conclusions.

The accounts and forms however, will be corrected as I have indicated, and you will prepare monthly statements for September, October and November upon Form "B" for the standard dollar coinage and Form "D" for the pecuniage.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard,

Quicksilver.

Supt Mint

December 26, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Ten (10) tons of Ingot Copper were shipped on the 23rd inst. by Messrs Pope, Cole & Co. which is to be delivered to your Mint, free of all charges, at 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per pound. I will thank you to advise this office when the copper is received, as the same will be paid for at the Department, from the appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard

Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge.

December 26, 1882.

Helena, Mont.

Sir;

Referring to my letter of the 7th inst. in which you were advised that the request had been made by this office that your Bullion fund be increased \$1,000 and that the same be transmitted you in \$1. and \$2. bills, I have to inform you that the Secretary of the Treasury has returned the request to this office with the following indorsement.

"In view of the fact that the Assayer in charge at Helena keeps an account with the First National Bank at Helena, a U. S. Depository in his city, it is thought that the small amount of currency required to make change can be procured without difficulty from the bank named."

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint

December 26, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst. asking to be informed how the Mint will be reimbursed for time and material employed in the manufacture of counting boards and hoppers for the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. in your City. I have to request that you will forward an account for the time and material employed to this office, that the same may be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury who will cause your appropriation to be reimbursed for the amount.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Leiah. C. Cornish

December 26, 1882.

68 William St.

New York.

Sir;

Your bill of the — mint for one years subscription from the 24th inst. to the New York Shipping & Commercial List purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$9. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

J. M. Hayden Esq.

December 26, 1882.

Gilbat Station.

Story Co. Iowa.

Sir;

Referring to your postal card of the 19th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Office, I have to inform you that the Acts in force relating to the coinage will be found on pages 27 to 55 of the Regulations for Mints and Assay Offices, a copy of which I send you by current mail.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Thomas Jordan, Esq.

December 26, 1882.

Editor of the Mining Record.

61 Broadway

New York.

Sir;

I have your note of the 21st inst. requesting to be furnished with "a statement of the actual amount of standard dollars that has gone out of the mint into private hands each

month during the calendar year 1882."

Standard dollars are paid out at the mints, and also sent upon Treasury transfer orders to private parties in various parts of the country. Payments are made not only in silver, but drafts are drawn by the superintendents of the mints at San Francisco, Philadelphia, Boston, and New Orleans on an Assistant Treasurer (usually at New York) payable in silver dollars, which are probably paid by the latter in silver certificates.

I am therefore at a loss whether you desire a statement comprehending all these payments and transfers, or a statement of the amount of silver dollars that has actually been paid out at the mints, or a statement including the latter and the shipments made on transfer orders by the mints, by means of which, the coins have been put into circulation.

As soon as I hear from you, I will have the statement you desire made.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Johnson Bros.,
1202 F. St.

December 26, 1882.

City.

Gentlemen

Your bill of the 22nd instant for one ton of Coal, purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$6.96 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officials of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Geo. W. Knox, Esq.

602 Pa Ave.

City.

December 26, 1882.

Sir;

Your bill of the 15th instant for freight on Merchandise purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$2.13, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

December 26, 1882.

Sir;

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter received from Jmt Johnson enclosing a Bill for services rendered by him as fireman in your Mint, for $469\frac{1}{2}$ hours at \$2.50 per day, amounting to \$146.56.

As the regulations provide that eight (8) hours shall constitute a days work, the labor force of the Mint are entitled to extra pay for all hours that they are required to work over and above that time; and if this fireman performed the extra services which he states, and the same was necessary for the proper transaction of the business of the Mint, upon proper certificate on his account to that effect, and its return to this office, I will approve it, and endeavor to have it paid from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Buichard.

Quictor.

Richards & Co.

December 26 1882.

398 Bowery.

New York.

Gentlemen.

Your bill of the 18th instant for 3 muffles, purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this bureau, amounting to \$ 4.80 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officials of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram Supt. Minit.

December 27, 1882.

Carson, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One hundred eight and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Similar telegram sent toTelegram Supt. Minit.San Francisco, Cal. ✓

Telegram Supt. Minit.

December 27, 1882.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One hundred nine and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram Supt. Minit.

December 27, 1882.

San Francisco.

Zinc ordered by your telegram of eighteenth instant has been purchased and shipped. Letter by mail.

Horatio C. Buchard

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

December 27, 1882.

Carlton

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

400 assay reports upon ore.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon. L. T. Prellinghuysen.

December 27, 1882.

Secretary of State.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be furnished for the use of this Office five printed copies of an Act entitled "An act to authorize the receipt of United States gold coin in exchange for gold bars," approved May 26, 1882 (Session Laws, 1881-82, page 97).

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Newman Hungerford.

December 27, 1882.

Wartford, Conn.

Sir;

I mail you to day, as requested, a copy of my last annual report. No law has been passed making any change in the minor coinage since 1873.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 27, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver.

in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your Mint will be
109 cent per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 27, 1882.

San Francisco,

Sir,

Referring to your telegram of the 26th instant, stating that Bertha Zinc is offered you, delivered at 93 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per pound and requesting to be informed if this is less than it can be purchased for East, and shipped, in reply, I have to state that the last lot of zinc purchased for your Mint cost 83 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per pound, delivered free on board of cars, to the Quartermaster at Chicago for shipment. It would appear that the cost is increased by the addition of the freight, which amounts to nearly 3¢ per pound from Chicago to San Francisco but as the transportation from Chicago is over roads which have received aid in their construction from the government, the amount claimed by them for freight is not paid but passed to their credit on account of their indebtedness to the United States.

I shall obtain from the Secretary of the Treasury authority for you to advertise for proposals for zinc to supply your Mint until the close of the current fiscal year and when you advertise for proposals for supplies required for 1884, include zinc in the list.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

December 27, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following Blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

300 Statements of Refining Operations No 95.

300 Reports on Assays of Scept No 164

500 Abstract & Warrant-Clarks Summaries No 159

500 Reports on silver dollars forwarded on certificates of deposit No 136.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram

Supt. Minit.

December 28, 1882.

Carson.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and eight cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram

Superintendent Minit.

San Francisco. Cal

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank

December 28, 1882.

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Denver, Colorado.

Bank of California

San Francisco, Cal.

Naudy & Cronse

24 Nassau Street. N. Y.

J. B. Wagon

San Francisco, Cal.

Academy Bank

" " "

Hon. Henry J. Clement.

December 28, 1882.

Secretary of State.

Springfield, Ill.

Sir;

Please send me the printed statement of the assessed valuation of real and personal property in the State of Illinois, as equalized by the Board of Equalization for the years 1880, 1881, & 1882; and a copy of the Auditor's Report, or other official documents showing the valuation of property in the State of Illinois for the year 1880.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

P.S. I enclose Treasury stamps to pay postage.

Hon. H. L. French.

December 28, 1882.

Asst Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst, requesting me to furnish the Department with a list of the officers and employees of the New Orleans Mint, who have been allowed leaves of absence from August 1st to December 15th 1882.

The records of my office do not show that any leave was granted or applied for by any of the officers or employees of that Mint, or that any of them were absent from the Mint during that period of time.

Under the Regulations governing the Mints, the Superintendents have authority to grant leaves of absence to employees. It will be necessary therefore to make inquiry of the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint; and I will forward him a copy of your letter with the request that he furnish the desired information.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Nelena. Mont.

December 28, 1882.

Sir;

Your letter of the 20th inst., acknowledging receipt of amended Instructions is received. In order to immediately correct a misconception of the Regulations, should any occur, please forward a copy of your abstract of Bullion deposits, charges &c, for the first week in January next.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York City.

December 28, 1882.

Sir;

Please obtain at the New York Custom House and forward me as soon as possible after January 1st a statement of the amount of domestic and foreign gold and silver Bullion and coin, imported and exported at the Port of New York during the month of December.

I need these data promptly, to use in making estimates of the production and disposition of gold and silver by the U. S. Mints for the calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

December 28, 1882.

Sir;

The monthly classified statements of "Deposits and Purchases" and "Gold and silver of domestic production" have not been received from your Mint since June last. Please cause them to be prepared including those for December - and transmitted as early as practicable after the 1st proximo, as the data is required in the preparation of my report.

upon the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

December 28, 1882.

Buenos Ayres.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause the classified statements of "Deposits and Purchases" and "Gold and silver of domestic production" for December to be prepared and transmitted as early as practicable, as I require the data for the preparation of my report upon the production of gold and silver in the United States, during the calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

Assayer in Charge

✓ Charlotte, N.C.

" " "

✓ Welena, Mont.

" " "

✓ New York, N.Y.

" " "

✓ St. Louis, Mo.

Superintendent Mint

✓ Barren, Nev.

" "

✓ Denver, Col.

" "

✓ New Orleans, La.

" "

✓ San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. Mint.

December 28, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st inst. transmitting Melters and Refiners statements for the month of Nov. 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard. Director.

De Haven P. Townsend.

December 28, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 23rd inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to me.

You ask if it is illegal for you to buy and sell fractional gold dollars: that is to say, 25 and 50 cent pieces (gold)

Section 3461 R. S. makes the passing of any coins, of gold or silver, or other metal intended for the use and purposes of current money, whether in the resemblance of coins of the United States or of foreign countries, or of original design punishable by fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars, or by imprisonment of not more than five years; or both.

The presumption is, that the coins you describe, are intended for the use and purposes of current money, and although of original design, and not conforming in device or form to the devices and forms of coins of the United States, it is illegal to make, utter, or pass them.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

W. L. Staunton Esq.

December 28, 1882.

123 East 58th Street.

New York.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 26th inst. stating that the copy of the report on production of gold and silver in the United States which was mailed you on the 16th inst. has not been received.

I transmit another copy by to days mail.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

W
B. C. Wright, Esq.
 San Francisco.

December 28, 1882.

Sir:

Your note enclosing a copy of an article in the Bulletin of Oct. 13th 1882 was received and the article published after the completion of my report, which was submitted to the Secretary Oct 12th. I was absent when your letter arrived and on my return to the office found it awaiting my reply.

I have carefully read your article and observe, as it appears to me, a misconception of the law in respect to the legal tender character of worn silver coins and an erroneous idea as to the reasons for authorizing the purchase of mutilated silver coins at the mints as silver bullion.

Coins of the United States - whether gold or silver do not become uncumvent, or cease to be a legal tender, on account of natural abrasion. Gold coins (Section 3585 R. S.) when reduced in weight below the "standard and tolerance are a legal tender at valuation in proportion to their actual weight" and as to United States subsidiary silver coins, although the law prescribes their weight and fineness when issued from the mint, by Section 3586 they are made a legal tender at their nominal value. I do not think these silver coins can be legally refused, ^{because worn and of light weight} if perfect in other respects; but as to mutilated silver coins from which a portion of the silver has been abstracted by punching or clipping, they can no longer be regarded as legal coins, but are merely silver bullion. Coins were being systematically mutilated and it was found that coins were punched simply for the silver that could be obtained in that way. To prevent this, and because no longer legal coins, the Treasury and the banks refused to receive mutilated silver coins. To take them out of the circulation and relieve the public nuisance they created, I procured from the Secretary authority for the Superintendent of the mints to receive and to purchase mutilated

silver coins as bullion, and issued a circular (a copy of which I enclose) informing the public where these coins could be forwarded and about what their bullion value would be. This has reduced the circulation, and a punched or mutilated silver coin is now seldom offered or seen in this part of the country.

I agree with you that the Government should keep its metallic circulation in a good state and replace its worn coins with new, but I do not think any additional legislation is necessary.

Worn and abraded silver coins that have been received at the Treasury are now being forwarded to the Mint and recoined and replaced by coins of full weight.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegraph

Assay U. S. Mint.

December 29, 1882.

Denver, Colorado.

You will pay transportation charges on bullion shipped this month

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 29, 1882.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to the fact that no statement of the monthly count and examination of your Mint as required by paragraph 9, page 25 of Instructions and Regulations, has been received at this office for the past year. You will please in future make this count and examination at the close of each month and transmit a statement of the same.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thomas Jordan Esq.

December 29, 1882.

61 Broadway.

New York.

Sir:

On examining the records of my Office, I find it will be impossible to furnish you with an accurate statement of the amount of standard dollars actually paid out monthly at all the mints without obtaining from each of them a statement

They make to me daily reports of the movement of standard dollars, but it would be too much work to attempt to make the statement for the four mints from these.

This will delay me in preparing the statement you require for some two weeks.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 29, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th instant, I have to state that there is no contract between the Adams Express Company and the United States for the transportation of minor Coins to the state of California.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

December 29, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of clerks and employes of this office together with the compensation paid to each during the calendar year 1882 called for in your communication of the 27th inst.

Very respectfully

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

December 29, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for your information, statements in detail, showing the purposes for which the contingent appropriations of this Bureau, and the appropriation for the collection of mining statistics under my control, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882, have been expended.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

December 29, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Enclosed find a copy of letter received from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. You will please forward to me a statement giving the information desired.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

December 30, 1882.

Carson City.

Sir;

Please prepare and send me immediately, a statement showing the amount of silver dollars actually paid out at, or distributed on transfer orders from your Mint during each month of the calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quictor.

Wm. Norval C. Bruchard.

December 30, 1882.

Director of the Mint.

Sir:

Herewith I hand you a table of the values in United States money of account of the monetary units of foreign countries computed at their intrinsic values.

The gold coins are compared with the U. S. gold dollar and the silver coins are estimated at the rate of 51.227 pence per ounce of silver of British Standard fineness contained or 112.295 cents per ounce fine. This is the assuage value of silver in London during the last three months of 1882 and its parity with exchange at par.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Eckfeldt.

Estimate of values of foreign coins.

Countries.	Monetary Unit.	Standard.	Value in U. S. Money.	Standard Coin.
Argentine Republic	Peso	Gold and Silver	<u>\$.96.5</u>	$\frac{1}{20}$ $\frac{1}{10}$ $\frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 peso $\frac{1}{2}$ Argentine Argentine
Austria	Florin	Silver	<u>.40.1</u>	
Belgium	Franc	Gold and Silver	<u>.19.3</u>	5, 10, and 20 francs.
Bolivia	Bolivians.	Silver.	<u>.81.2</u>	Bolivians.
Brazil	Milreis of 1000 reis	Gold	<u>.54.6</u>	
Chile	Peeso	Gold	<u>1.00</u>	
Chili	Peeso	Gold and Silver	<u>.91.2</u>	Condor, doubloon, and escudo.
Cuba	Peeso.	Gold and Silver	<u>.93.2</u>	$\frac{1}{16}$ $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 doubloon.
Denmark	Crown.	Gold	<u>.26.8</u>	10 and 20 crowns.
Ecuador	Peeso.	Silver	<u>.81.2</u>	Peeso.
Egypt	Piaster	Gold.	<u>.04.9</u>	5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 piasters
France	Franc.	Gold and Silver	<u>.19.3</u>	5, 10 and 20 francs.
Great Britain	Pound Sterling	Gold.	<u>4.86.6 $\frac{1}{2}$</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$ sovereign and sovereign.
Greece	Drachma	Gold and Silver	<u>.19.3</u>	5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 drachms.
German Empire	Mark	Gold	<u>.23.8</u>	5, 10 and 20 marks.
Haiti.	Gourde.	Gold and Silver	<u>.96.5</u>	1, 2, 5, and 10 gourdes.
India.	Rupiee of 16 Annas	Silver	<u>.38.6</u>	5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 rupees.
Italy.	Lira	Gold and Silver	<u>.19.3</u>	5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 lire.
Japan.	Yen	Silver.	<u>.87.6</u>	1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 yen, gold and silver yen.
Mexico	Dollar.	Gold.	<u>1.00</u>	

Mexico	Dollar unit	Gold and Silver	\$88.2	Peso or dollar, 5, 10, 25, and 50 centavos.
Netherlands	Florin	Gold and Silver	40.2	
Norway	Crown	Gold	26.8	10 and 20 Crowns.
Peru	Sol	Silver	81.2	Sol.
Portugal	Milreis of 1000 reis	Gold	1.08	2, 5, and 10 milreis.
Russia	Rouble of 100 copecks	Silver	65	$\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 rouble.
Spain	Peseta of 100 centimos	Gold and Silver	19.3	5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 pesetas.
Sweden	Crown	Gold	26.8	10, and 20 Crowns.
Switzerland	Franc	Gold and Silver	19.3	5, 10, and 20 francs.
Tripoli	Mahab of 20 praestis	Silver	73.3	
Turkey	Praester	Gold	04.4	25, 50, 100, 250, and 500 praestis.
U.S. of Columbia	Peso	Silver	81.2	Peso.
Venezuela	Bolivian	Gold and Silver	19.3	5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 Bolivar.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 1st 1893.

Sir,

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 3564 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, I have estimated the values of the standard coins in circulation of the various nations of the world, and submit the same in the accompanying table very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

The estimate of the values of foreign coins made by the Director of the Mint for proclamation by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 1st of January, 1893.

The decline in the value of silver bullion of about 1.44% per ounce fine from the value a year ago, will reduce the values of foreign coins, and fix their values for official purposes during the year as follows:

Argentine Republic	peso	96.5¢	
Austria	Florin, fine	40.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	40.1¢
Bolivia	Bolivian "	81.3¢	81.2¢
Ecuador	peso "	82.3¢	81.2¢
India	Rupie "	39¢	38.6¢

Japan	Yen	from	<u>88.7¢</u>	to	<u>87.6¢</u>
Mexico	dollar	"	<u>89.4¢</u>	"	<u>88.2¢</u>
Peru	Sol	"	<u>82.3¢</u>	"	<u>81.2¢</u>
Russia	ruble	"	<u>65.8¢</u>	"	<u>65.¢</u>
Tripoli	mahab	"	<u>74.3¢</u>	"	<u>73.¢</u>
United States of Columbia	peso	"	<u>82.3¢</u>	"	<u>81.2¢</u>

Average price of Silver Bullion for the last three months of 1881 and 1882.

Year	London Price	Equivalent in U.S. Money
1881	per oz. British Standard <u>5' 7. 886 pence</u>	per ounce fine. <u>113.74 ¢</u>
1882	<u>5' 1. 227</u> "	<u>112.295 ¢</u>

Treasury Department.
Washington D.C. Jan 1. 1883.

The foregoing estimations, made by the Director of the Mint, of the value of the foreign coins above mentioned, I hereby proclaim to be the values of such coins expressed in the money of account of the United States, and to be taken in estimating the values of all foreign merchandise, made out in any of said currencies; imported on or after January 1, 1883.

Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

P. C. Van Nyck Esq.

December 30, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day. viz:
10000 Assayers reports upon silver Bullion deposits. No 40. C.

Very respectfully

Amalie C. Burchard.
Quadr.

Peter L. Krider Esq.
Philadelphia Pa.

December 30, 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 29th inst; as to whether our Government would have any objection to selling pure silver to you you are informed that there is no authority of law for the selling of fine silver at the Mints of the United States; but silver Bullion can be deposited at the Mint for parting the silver and gold contained or refining the silver, and the depositor is entitled to receive the value of the silver contained in such deposit in fine bars, upon paying the Mint charges.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Enclosure
to letter P. 124

Memorandum and brief for the Secretary in reference to the purchase of silver bullion for coinage.

By the Coinage Act of 1873 Superintendents of Mints are authorized to purchase silver bullion with the Bullion Fund for the coinage of subsidiary silver coins, and these coins are to be issued, first, by exchange at the Mints for gold coin, secondly by transmission to Assistant Treasurers and other officials of the United States.

The Resumption Act of January 14, 1875 directed the Secretary of the Treasury to cause subsidiary silver coins to be coined, and authorized him to use for carrying out the purposes of the Act surplus revenues, and to sell bonds of the character and description authorized by the Refunding Act of 1870; and it directed the Secretary to issue these coins "in redemption of an equal number and amount of fractional currency of similar denominations," or to issue them through the mints, sub treasuries, public depositories, and post offices, "to redeem an equal amount of fractional currency until the whole amount of fractional currency outstanding should be redeemed."

The joint resolution approved July 22, 1876 authorized the Secretary to issue silver coin at any time in the Treasury to an amount not exceeding ten millions of dollars "in exchange for an equal amount of legal-tender notes," and also, by Section three of the Resolution, provided that in addition to the amount already authorized by law to be issued in redemption of fractional currency "it should be lawful to manufacture at the mints" and issue through the Treasury and its offices such coin, to an amount "that, including the subsidiary silver coin and fractional currency outstanding, in the aggregate, should not at any time exceed fifty million dollars."

By Section four of the Resolution the silver bullion required for the coinage authorized by the Resolution was required to be purchased "at the market rate" if not above the coining value of the bullion, with any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the amount to be invested in such bullion was limited to two hundred thousand dollars. The joint Resolution contains no repealing clause. Query: Were the provisions of the Coinage Act authorizing the purchase of bullion and exchange of subsidiary coins for gold at the mints repealed by the joint Resolution? Second: Was the phrase, "it shall be lawful to manufacture at the several mints and issue through the Treasury and its several offices such coin to an amount &c intended to, and did it make it unlawful to procure silver bullion for subsidiary coinage at the mints under Section 3525 of R. S. and must all silver used for such coinage be purchased under the provisions of the joint Resolution?

From 1853 to the passage of the Redemption Act there had been coined over fifty four million dollars of subsidiary coinage, and from the latter date to July 31st 1876 about sixteen million was coined.

The total amount of coinage of subsidiary silver up to November 30, 1882, since 1853 is \$107,825,297
 Passage of Coinage Act 1873 \$47,808,727

Passage of Resumption Act 1875	\$ 42,999,401
Passage of Joint Resolution 1876	27,036,521

Between what dates shall the coinage and issue of subsidiary silver coins be computed, in order to decide whether the limit of fifty million, including fractional currency outstanding, has been reached?

The Joint Resolution does not purport to repeal any existing statute and appears to have been passed to authorize and provide the means for the substitution and redemption of fractional currency with subsidiary silver coins. The Resolution does not in terms change or limit the procuring of bullion and coinage of subsidiary silver for exchange for gold coins, and its provisions and the Coinage Act can be construed together so that each shall stand.

Hon. Waldo Dutchess.

December 30, 1882

House of Representatives
Sir:

In accordance with the request of Mr Howard C. Gady, of this city, and your letter to him, I have mailed to Mr Stanton Gady, of Ling Sing, New York, a copy of my report on the Statistics of production for 1881, and I have also sent him a copy of the report for 1880.

The report for the year 1882 is now being prepared.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Guan Macdonald, Esq.

December 30, 1882.

2 Wall Street.
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 28th instant, to the Secretary of the Treasury, I send you by current mail a copy of my report on the production of the precious metals in the

United States for the year 1881, and also a copy of the report for the year 1880.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

December 30, 1882.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One hundred and nine cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Confirmed. Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 30, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Please prepare and send me immediately, a statement showing the amount of silver dollars actually paid out at, or distributed on transfer orders from your Mint during each month of the Calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully.
Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Thos. Oynard, Esq.

December 30, 1882.

Cor Dock and Water Sts.

Brooklyn N. Y.

Sir:

I send you by to-day's mail a copy of my annual report for 1881, in compliance with your request of the 28th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully.
Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Supt. Mint.

December 30. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please prepare and send me immediately a statement showing the amount of silver dollars actually paid out at, or distributed on transfer orders from your Mint, during each month of the calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor.

Supt. Mint.

December 29. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return you by to days ^{mail} your bullion accounts for coinage, and the opening of new accounts as mentioned in my letter of December 23rd 1882.

The Solicitor of the Treasury concurs with me in the opinion, that the provisions of sections 3526 and 3527, authorizing Superintendents to purchase Bullion for the coinage of subsidiary silver coins, and receiving them at the Mints are still in force.

I have prepared a brief on the subject and will confer with the Secretary as soon as he can examine the matter.

The taking out of your silver purchase account, of the silver coins received from the assistant Treasuries for recoupment, which are entered in that account at their subsidiary value, will change the cost of the silver consumed in coinage, and also of the balance on hand, and will increase the seigniorage for the Quarter. This will necessitate the re-stating of the silver profit fund. I also enclose for your information the official statements of transfers from your Bullion fund during the Quarter, and the balance in that fund for which you are held on the 30th day of September 1882.

You will notice that the amount of the transfers of mutilated pieces for pecuniage from the several Assistant Treasurers is \$102,580.73 instead of 102,834.80 with which you have credited your Bullion fund, and that the balance in your Bullion fund statement \$254.07 more than the amount for which the Treasurer holds you.

As it is necessary that your Bullion fund accounts should agree with the official books of the Department of which the statement enclosed is an official transcript.

You will please reduce the transfers referred to from \$102,834.80 to \$102,580.73 and your balance correspondingly.

The \$254.07 which will appear in the value of the Bullion received from the Assistant Treasurers in the shape of mutilated coin, will be due the Treasurer of the United States, as it was not transferred until after the commencement of the next quarter.

Unless the correction is made, it will be necessary to settle your Bullion accounts for the 3rd Quarter with those of the 4th Quarter, in order that the balance may agree with the books of the Treasurers office.

You will please return the statement from the Treasurer, herewith enclosed, as it accompanies your accounts and is used by the accounting officers for the same purposes, as by this office in checking your accounts. In rectifying your Bullion accounts the corrections can be made in the present accounts by crossing out with red ink the amounts now entered, and

the additional account or accounts, that may be required can be attached to the present accounts without rebinding them. I presume it will be necessary in order to keep the balances of silver bullion correct, to open additional accounts with the melter and refiner, so as to show the silver for the silver dollar coinage and for the subsidiary coinage, and the other silver in his hands.

Very respectfully Horatio C. Buichard.

Quintr.

Hamilton Smith Esq.
206 Camp Street
New Orleans, La.

December 30. 1882

Sir;

I send you to day by current mail, a copy of my annual report, as requested in your letter of the 27th instant.

Very respectfully.

Noratis C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

December 30. 1882.

Sir;

In August last One Hundred Thirty Three and Seven Hundred Ninety Six and $\frac{65}{100}$ (130,796.65 ounces standard of silver bullion was transferred from the New York Assay Office to the Philadelphia Mint at a valuation of One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Nine and $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars (\$152,199.74 being its coinage rate at $\frac{116}{100}$ of per standard ounce. This silver is a portion of the accumulations at the New York Assay Office of silver contained in, and parted from gold deposits, or ^{received in payment of charges for silver deposits} ~~received in payment of charges for silver deposits~~ and held as a part of the bullion fund for payment in bars for silver deposits. It was not as far as I am able to ascertain purchased for coinage and all of it that has been acquired since July 1876 has been received at a valuation above the market rate of silver.

The Philadelphia Mint can make no use of this silver except for coinage. I desire to know whether you will order this silver to be purchased or treated as a purchase under the act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase not less than Two millions nor more than Four millions of Dollars of silver at the market rate for coinage into standard Dollars, or whether it shall be considered and carried into the accounts as a purchase under the joint resolution of July 22. 1876

authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase at the market rate silver bullion to coin into subsidiary silver coins, or whether, in your opinion the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint with the approval of the Director, may not under the provisions of Sections 3526 and 3527 of the Revised Statutes, which make no limitation as to rate, charge himself and carry into his accounts this silver as a purchase by him for coinage into subsidiary silver coins, and issue them in exchange for gold coin.

I submit herewith a reference to, and a brief of the Statutes relating to the purchase of silver bullion for coinage and a statement of subsidiary silver coined, up to different periods since 1853.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Baughard.

Director.

For brief referred to
See page 118.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

December 30, 1892.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Four ⁰²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$4,824.02) in gold coin, and Forty ³¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$40.31) in silver coin, making a total of Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Four ³³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$4,864.33) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded to the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1965, dated Dec 26, 1892, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Baughard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

December 30, 1882.

Sir;

✓ Please prepare and send me immediately a statement showing the amount of silver dollars actually paid out, or distributed on transfer orders from your Mint during each month of the calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

N. A. Wheeler Esq.
New York City Box 1026.

December 30, 1882.

Sir;

✓ As requested in your letter of the 29th inst: I forward you by current mail a copy of my annual report.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Wm B. Dana O.C.
 79 & 81 Wm St.
 New York.
 Gentlemen

January 2, 1883.

I enclose herewith a statement of the coinage executed by the U. S. Mint during December 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Similar letter addressed to.

✓ Thos. Jordan Esq. 61 Broadway New York, N. Y. ✓
 ✓ Mills Scott & Co. 146 Fulton Street " " " " ✓
 ✓ B. C. Wright Esq. "Bulletin" San Francisco Cal.
 ✓ C. S. Wheeler Esq. 1338 Chestnut St. Philadelphia Pa.

Dr. L. Bamberger.
Berlin.

January 2nd 1883.

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 16th ultimo I have the pleasure of sending you a copy of my annual report for the last fiscal year, and also I mail you copies of my special reports for 1880 and 1881 on the production of Gold and silver in the United States.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Carson City

January 2. 1883

Sir,

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of January, has been fixed at 100,000 pieces.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Messrs De Haven & Townsend.

40, S. Third Street

Philadelphia.

January 2. 1883.

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 29th ultimo is received. In my former letter I referred you to the law. If you desire to continue the sale of half and quarter dollar gold coins you had better consult with your counsel or the District Attorney as to whether the construction given to this Section would prohibit your action. Not having seen any of the coins I am not prepared to advise you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. January 2, 1883.

New Orleans, La.

✓ Coin Eight Hundred Thousand silver dollars in January,
working such over-time as may be necessary.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

January 2, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by
your Mint during the month of January, has been fixed
at 1,000,000 pieces.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

January 2, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 30th ultimo trans-
mitting statements of the coinage executed at your
Mint for the next month and year respectively ending
on that date.

Very respectfully

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

January 2, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Coin five hundred and fifty thousand silver dollars
in January.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Rede Salem Esq.

January 2. 1883.

Continental Hotel
Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing the letter of Senator Cameron recommending your sons appointment as one of the commissioners of the annual assay. I shall take pleasure in presenting his name to the Secretary for consideration by the President.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Quincy.

By

B. J. Underwood Esq.

January 2. 1883.

267 Broadway. New York.

Sir;

I enclose herewith a Statement of the coinage executed at the U. S Mints during the month of December 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Quincy.

To the American Tube Works.

January 3. 1883.

97 State Street.

Boston. Mass

Gentlemen.

I will thank you to manufacture for the U. S. Mint. at San Francisco thirty (30) seamless copper canisters of the following dimensions, viz:

Three feet, eight and one half inches long.

Four and one half inches inside diameter and

Three Sixteenths inches thick.

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, that your offer was to make these canisters at the rate of 30¢ per pound.

I enclose herewith drawings of the cap for the canisters

When ready for shipment you will please deliver the same to Major T. G. Eckerson, Quartermaster U. S. Army at Boston and forward your account, receipted in duplicate, to this office with Quartermaster's receipt.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Hon Noratio C. Burchard.

January 3. 1883.

Quictor of the Mint.

Sir:

I submit for your approval the following list of prices to be charged for assays made in the Laboratory.

Gold	\$2.	Chromium	\$5.
Silver	2.	Mercury	5.
Gold & Silver	3.	Nickel	5.
Copper & S.	3.	Platinum	5.
Iron. I. S.	3.	Lin	5.
Lead L. A.	3.	Zinc	5.
Gold, Silver & Copper	5.	Manganese	5.
Gold, Silver & Lead.	5.	Antimony	10.
Determination of Gold	2.	Bismuth	10.
And Silver in any alloy		Cobalt	10.

Approved.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Very respectfully,

H. P. Lawver.

Assayer.

Major T. G. Eckerson.

January 3. 1883.

Quartermaster U. S. Army.

Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have this day requested the American Tube Works of 97 State St. Boston, to deliver to you for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, thirty (30) copper canisters.

I will thank you to procure and forward the same as provided by General Regulations, No 66 dated Adjutant

General's Office, Washington, D. C. July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Puchard.

Director. ✓

Messrs Nandy & Cronice.

#24 Nassau St.

New York.

January 3, 1883.

Gentlemen.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th ultimo in regard to the loss on certain bars, of the Suria Grande Mining Co. delivered by you at the Philadelphia Mint and I have instructed the Superintendent to furnish you the information requested as far as practicable. I return herewith the enclosures contained in your letter.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Puchard.

Director. ✓

C. G. Hutchinson Esq.

12 Chatham St. Boston.

January 3, 1883.

Sir;

In response to your request of the 30th ultimo, I enclose the circular showing the values of foreign coins, for January 1, 1883. The average price per ounce of silver bullion upon which the values of silver units are based is 51.227 pence per ounce British Standard, or, 112.295 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Puchard.

Director.

Irvin C. Michels Esq.

501 Locust St. Phila.

January 3, 1883.

Sir;

I mail you to-day two copies of the circular estimating the values of foreign coins, as requested in your

letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

January 3, 1883.

Sir;

I transmit herewith account of Messrs Wm Ballantyne & Son for copy of Percy on Metallurgy purchased for the use of the Assayer of your Mint in compliance with your request of July 10, 1882. I will thank you to permit a draft for the amount (\$12.) in favor of Messrs Ballantyne & Son.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

January 3, 1883

Sir;

I enclose herewith copy of a letter received at this office from Messrs Nandy and Cronise in regard to a loss on certain silver bars delivered at your mint on account of sales of silver made by them in which they state that they are led to believe that upon an authorization from this office, you would certify to certain facts in regard to such sale.

You are hereby authorized to furnish Messrs Nandy and Cronise as full information in regard to the loss on this bullion as you may deem proper in the premises.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Mrs W. A. Sakett.
Andover Ohio.

January 3. 1888.

Madam

Your letter of Dec. 27th enclosing sample of ore is received. The Assayer states that the mineral contained in the specimen is Iron Pyrites. It has no commercial value.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 3. 1888.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference for remark of a letter from Mr J. March - herewith returned - relative to procuring a fifty dollar gold piece.

Gold coins of the value of fifty dollars have never been authorized by the Government, and none have ever been struck at the Mints or issued by them.

The pieces referred to by Mr March were manufactured by Moffat & Co. of San Francisco in 1851, under supervision of a United States Assayer appointed by the President in conformity with the Act of September 30th 1850, which provided that the Secretary of the Treasury should contract with some well established assaying works in California to make and issue bars or ingots of gold stamped by the U. S. Assayer with their weight and fineness. This provision of law was repealed by the Act of July 3. 1852, establishing a branch Mint in California.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 3, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference of the communication of Mr Charles S. Platt in regard to the going to his business from the exchange at the New York Assay Office of gold bars for gold coin under the provisions of the Act of May 26, 1882.

This Act has already saved to the Government several thousand dollars, that it would have cost to have transported from New York to Philadelphia for coinage at the Mint nearly seven millions of dollars of gold bullion which has been delivered at the New York Assay Office to exporters in exchange for gold coin. It has also been of considerable advantage in another respect, namely, in preventing or lessening the mutilation and defacing of gold coins for the purpose of depositing them as bullion at the Mints or New York Assay Office, which was often done to obtain their value in fine or standard bars for use in manufactures. As prior to the passage of this law such bars could only be issued to a depositor of bullion, the manufacturer must either deface and mutilate coins, or buy fine bars at such a premium as the holders demanded, or, at considerable trouble procure unrefined bullion for deposit. It is probably true, that fine gold bars formerly at a premium of one quarter per cent are now worth no more than the coin into which the United States manufactures them. A New York Assay Office bar valued at five thousand dollars or over delivered in exchange for gold coin may be immediately deposited as bullion under the Coinage Act, to be melted and made into small bars upon payment of the bar charge, and in this manner the manufacturer can, by taking five thousand dollars of gold coin to the Assay Office, obtain small bars suited to his business.

While this unintentionally benefits the manufacturer,

it lessens the profits of the refiner, who can no longer sell his fine gold bars at a premium above coin.

It does not, however, as Mr Platt supposes occasion a loss to the Government, unless at the New York Assay Office bullion is refined and bars are made below the cost of the operations, for the original depositor of unrefined bullion received and refined by the Government and delivered in exchange for gold coin has been charged, and has paid to the Government the cost of refining.

I have no objection to any modification of the law that will not interfere with its object, namely to lessen the export and mutilation of gold coin, when gold bullion will answer as well or better for the purposes of the exporter and manufacturer.

Mr Platt submits for your consideration two regulations, as follows:

"First: Gold bars of \$5,000 and upwards in value exchanged for gold coin may be either standard bars or unparted bars, but in no case shall fine gold bars be so exchanged."

Second: Standard bars, or unparted bars re-deposited for fine gold bars shall be subject to all charges made on other bullion of an equal fineness."

As to the first proposed regulation, I see no authority of law to exclude fine gold bars from the exchange for coin. As to the second, standard bars or unparted bars re-deposited for fine gold bars are under existing regulations subject to a parting or refining charge as in case of other bullion.

The only practicable action for the relief of Mr Platt without legislation that I see possible is for a revision of the "bar charges" as I suggested to him, and, if on conference with the officers of the New York Assay Office the average expense of manufacturing gold bars of less than five thousand dollars value exceeds the charges fixed by the regulations, to increase them.

so as to fully equal such expense having in view the limitation of law that the charges must equal but not exceed the cost.

The letter of Mr Platt is herewith respectfully returned.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

January 3, 1883.

I have the honor to transmit herewith memorandum issued by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia showing the total value and loss on smooth silver coin received at the Mint, from the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York for pecuniage, from which it appears that the loss on pecuniage was Five Hundred Eighty Three and 64 Dollars (583.64) and for which sum the Treasurer of the U.S. should be reimbursed from the appropriation for that purpose.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank.

San Francisco.

January 4, 1883.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor

Similar telegram sent to.

J. B. Maggin

San Francisco Cal

Wohl & Pollitz

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for enclosure see page - 125 -

Telegram

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Statement showing the work of the
Office of the Director of the
Militia from June 30th 1873 to December 31st 1882 by fiscal year.

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Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company. January 4, 1883.
Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred and sixty eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram Nandy & Gracie January 4, 1883.
24 Nassau Street

New York.

Your offer of One hundred thousand ounces for Philadelphia accepted. Offer for New Orleans declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor.

Telegram Capt. Minit. January 4, 1883.
New Orleans.

✓ Received from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty five thousand ounces at one hundred and sixty eight hundredths cents per ounce fine

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram Nevada Bank. January 4, 1883
San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor.

Telegram Superintendent Minit. January 4, 1883
San Francisco Cal.

✓ Received from J. B. Naggin seventeen thousand ounces at one hundred and eight and one half cents per ounce, from Anglo Californian Bank twenty five thousand ounces at one hundred and one cents per ounce, and from Wohl and Pollitz thirty thousand ounces at one hundred eight and seventy five

hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Noratio C. Burchard

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Hon. F. M. Cockrell.

January 4, 1883.

U. S. Senate. Sir;

As requested in your letter of the 2nd inst. I have forwarded to your address 15 copies of the annual report of the Quictor of the Mint for 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

January 4, 1883.

Carson City

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz;

500 Gold Deposit Sheets No 1. A.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

January 4, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir;

I find from an examination of your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ended Sept. 30, 1882 that it is the practice at your Mint to impose charges on the first night of the deposits or purchases as received instead of on the night after melting and deduction, as required by the Regulations.

On some of the deposits and purchases where there was heavy loss in melting, this error makes considerable difference to the depositors or sellers of bullion.

You are respectfully referred to Paragraph II Page 5, of the Instructions, and are hereby instructed to

impose the charges required by the Regulations, on the night after melting and deduction.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver. ✓

Southwick Guchri Esq.
Washington D. C.

January 4, 1883,

Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st ult. inquiring in relation to a bill of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. dated March 4th 1878, for \$80.88 which you state was referred to this office for settlement August 13th 1880, and asking what disposition has been made of it.

In reply, I would state that I have made a careful examination of the records of this office, and I find no bill for this amount of the company named, entered as received or referred for payment. But I do find that on the date referred to, (August 13th 1880) there was referred to this office four accounts of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. for the following amounts: \$147.51, \$900.34, \$1227.94, \$618.96 which were referred to the proper accounting officers, of the Department for examination and settlement; most of which were covered by and paid from the deficiency appropriation contained in the act making appropriations to supply deficiencies for the fiscal year 1881, and prior years; approved March 3rd 1881.

It is probable, that if the bill you mention was referred to this office at the date named, as it would have required an appropriation from Congress, before it could have been paid; the balance of the appropriation from which it would have been paid, having been carried to the surplus fund, when the provisions of Section 5: of the act of June 20th 1874, was included in the accounts named, and the payment included in the amount \$4939.07 appropriated in the deficiency act. mentioned

above, to pay claims certified to be due by the several accounting officers of the Treasury Department under Section 4 of the Act of June 14th 1878.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

New York.

January 4, 1883.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2500 Certificate of Silver Deposits No. S. T.

3000 Gold Deposit Sheets, No 1. A.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

January 4, 1883.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

250 Gold Deposit Sheets No 1. A.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

January 4, 1883.

Sir;

Your letter of the 3rd instant, transmitting statements of minor coinage operations at your Mint during the month of December, 1882, has been received.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Minit.

January 4, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

4 Superintendents order books.

1250 Gold Deposit Sluts No 1. A.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor

Supt. Minit.

January 4, 1883

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Purchases of silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Minit, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Handy & Cronise

100 000 ounces at \$1.0971

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor

Supt. Minit.

January 4, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 3rd instant transmitting classified Statements of the business of your Minit for the months of July August September October and November 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Quictor

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 4, 1883.

Sir:

The following Blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 10,000 Assays report on gold bullion deposited No. 39. A.

Very respectfully

Natalie C. Burchard, ✓

Quicks.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 4, 1883

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Statement and memorandums showing the face value, net value and loss on 20 pieces, transmitted to the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia for recoinage into dimes during the months of November and December, 1882. From which it appears that the face value of the coins was Ninety Thousand, Eighty Three and $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars (\$90,083.40) and the net value Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Nine and $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars (\$88,839.56) showing a loss of One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three and $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,243.84) for which sum the Treasurer of the United States should be reimbursed from the appropriation for that purpose.

Very respectfully

Natalie C. Burchard. ✓

Quicks.

To the Publisher Tribune
Chicago.

January 4, 1883.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office, the Daily Tribune for one year, from Jan. 1, 1883, transmitting your account of duplicate for settlement

Very respectfully.

Natalie C. Burchard Quicks.

(For statement see page 188)

Sam Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 4th 1893

Sir;

In compliance with the directions contained in your circular letter of the 26th ultimo, I have the honor to submit herewith a report and statement showing the comparative work performed, and the number of clerks employed in this Bureau for each full fiscal year since the organization of the Bureau of the Mint in 1873 and for the first half of the fiscal year 1893.

The increased work in this Bureau is partially indicated by comparison of the years 1875, 1878 and 1882, as follows.

Description of work	1875	1878	1882
Number of letters received.	4032	5705	10434
Number of letters written.	2995	2603	4603
Number of pages record copied.	1456	1898	2021
Number of requisitions for funds examined and approved }	101	164	195
Number of accounts for payment examined and referred }	110	125	330
Number of Quarterly Bulletin accounts adjusted	29	32	42
Amount " " " "	\$ 58,832.376	\$ 122,158,848	\$ 286,489,303
Number of Monthly expense accounts adjusted	100	170	192
Amount " " " "	\$ 1,131,200	\$ 1,286,025	\$ 1,468,828
Number of Orders verified and referred.	30	70	201
Number of offers for sale of silver received and acted upon. }	16	86	455
Number of silver purchases calculated and entered on record. }	9	447	2468
Number of pages of printed Reports prepared in the Mint Bureau. }	100	109	884
Number of Reports of operations of Mint and Assay Offices verified & recorded. }	530	569	914

But besides a larger number of letters, papers and accounts, considered and acted upon, the work has been largely increased by the magnitude of the accounts and the greater efficiency and thoroughness in their examination.

Since January 1st 1881, in addition to the methods prior to that time employed in adjusting and testing the accuracy of the Bullion Accounts, I have required an account of silver purchased, to be kept separate, from silver deposited for bars, and reports to be made weekly, monthly, as well as quarterly, of the amount and cost of the silver purchased and consumed in coinage, and that their correctness should be verified by computations in my Office.

Since the 1st of January 1882, I have required an examination of the charges imposed upon each deposit and purchase of bullion, and the verification of their correctness by a comparison with the schedule of the charges fixed by the regulations.

Since the commencement of the present fiscal year, I have had the standard weight of gold and silver of each deposit and purchase contained on the deposit sheets computed and verified, and shall continue such examination if the clerical force is found to be sufficient to do the work.

Some idea of the amount of work required in the examination of these accounts may be formed from a statement of the number of vouchers and computations to be made in examining the Bullion Accounts of but one of the Mints for a single quarter.

These accounts for the San Francisco Mint for the quarter ended September 30, 1882, required the examination of—

Number of silver purchases	<u>14,58</u>
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Gold bullion deposits	<u>2883</u>
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Mint receipts and certificates	<u>3,124</u>
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Assayer's reports	<u>4,382</u>
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Number of computations of weight and value about 18,000 each of which computations involved several arithmetical processes.

In 1880, an assay laboratory was established, and the accuracy of the coinage has been tested monthly and assays of ores, of gold and silver bullion, and other metals have since been made at the Bureau;

A large amount of additional work since the commencement of the year 1880 has been, and is now performed in this Bureau in collecting monetary statistics and in the collection and compilation of the statistics of the production of the precious metals in the United States, which latter work had been performed for many years by a force employed by a special Commissioner and paid for from a special appropriation.

The accompanying statement makes no mention of the time consumed, and the labor performed by the Director and his assistants in other important duties, such as verifying at the close of each fiscal year by actual weight and count the public moneys in the mints requiring one or more persons at each for several days, and in some cases weeks, and in superintending the annual settlements and special examinations, it being impossible to compare the time that has been required and employed in each of the years named.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

January 5, 1883.

Carson City.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and eight and one half cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco Cal. ✓

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

January 5, 1883.

New Orleans

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and nine and one half cents per ounce fine.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Hon. Wm B. Allison.

January 5, 1883.

U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th instant enclosing a letter from Hon. W. M. Hubbard in regard to a deposit of gold bullion at the Carson Mint. Mr Hubbard in his letter states that he enclosed a letter received by him from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint which I do not find to accompany your letter. If you have the letter of Mr Crawford, I will thank you to forward the same to this office.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 5, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 30th instant enclosing statement showing the coinage and distribution of silver dollars for the calendar year 1882.

I infer that the statement includes only the amount actually paid out upon transfer orders and letters, and I will therefore thank you to forward an additional statement showing the amount paid for local purchases over counter and for expenses of distribution, also the amount exchanged for gold coin.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Boise City.

January 5. 1883.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 27th ultimo requesting a supply of Payrolls for the use of your office, I have to say that the form is out of print and that in consequence you will for the present make your payments for salaries and per diem compensation on ordinary vouchers.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
 Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Boise City.

January 5. 1883

Sir:

C. I. No 496 for \$12.28 being on account of unexpended balance appropriation Contingent Expenses 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 26th ultimo has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation named.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte.

January 5. 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January, 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$403.46 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1883 \$236.80

Wages of workmen, Contingent Expenses 166.66

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Carson City.

January 5. 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of November 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

Carson City.

January 5. 1883.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Silver Purchase sheets, old form No 3, B. and as requested in your letter of the 28th ultimo 100 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

Carson City.

January 5. 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year a Bill of the Central Pacific Railway Co. for the transportation in the month of October 1882 of W. W. Clark from San Francisco to Reno, and return and of yourself from Reno to San Francisco and return, amounting to

\$67.00

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 5. 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$ 29,500. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1883 \$ <u>3500.</u>
Wages of workmen	" <u>21,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses	" <u>8,000.</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Superintendent Mint.

Carson City.

January 5. 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary & Refinery expense accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending November 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Southwick Guthrie Esq.

Washington, D. C.

January 5. 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a Bill of the Central Pacific Railway Co. for the transportation of passengers in the month of October 1892 from San Francisco to Reno and return, amounting to \$ 67.00 enclosed in your letter of the 2nd inst.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.
Selena.

January 5. 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$2500, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883 \$700.
Wages of workmen	" 800.
Contingent Expenses	" 1000.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Messrs Houghton Mifflin & Co.

The Riverside Press.

Cambridge, Mass.

January 5. 1883.

Gentlemen:

You will please forward to this office a copy of the U.S. Postal Guide for 1883, transmitting your account in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Hon Martin Magnus

House of Representatives.

January 4. 1883.

Sir:

I herewith transmit the Assayer's report upon the sample of Ore sent to this office with request for assay.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

New York, City.

January 5, 1883.

Sir,

I retained the Assay's reports mentioned in my letter of December 30, for the reason that by an oversight the old form had been sent to the printer instead of the revised form, concerning which I had written to and consulted the Assayer, and for the printing of which I have since made requisition.

I send you One Thousand (1,000) copies and before they are exhausted, hope to be able to supply you with the latter form.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

January 5, 1883

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$6042.27 payable from the appropriation for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, i.e.

Salaries	1883	\$ 3342.27
Wages of workmen "		1900.00
Contingent Expenses "		800.00
Total		<u>6042.27</u>

I would prefer that you make your requisition for some even amount under each head, so that the fractions of dollars may not appear except in the last requisition for the fiscal year.

I have also requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, payable from the appropriation for parting and refining Bullion, requested in your letter of the 2nd inst. to meet the expenses connected with parting and refining bullion during the current month.

Very respectfully Horatio C. Burchard Director.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

January 5, 1883

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant endorsing requisition from the Meltor and Refiner of your Mint, for black lead pots and crucibles and which you request to have purchased from the same parties as supply the Philadelphia Mint, I would state that the black lead crucibles manufactured by John A. Taylor of Philadelphia are used by the Mint in that City, but as the Meltor and Refiner in his requisition, states that the Mint at Philadelphia uses pots from a factory in New Jersey, I am at a loss to know whether it is the Taylor or Dixon pot he wishes, the latter being made in Jersey City.

If the pots are required for immediate use, I will thank you to inform me by telegraph whether you desire those of the Taylor or Dixon manufacture.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

January 5, 1883.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be 109 7/8 per ounce fine.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

January 5, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refining and standard silver dollar expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending December 30, 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

January 5, 1883.

Sir:

The Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo has been instructed to forward the gold bullion deposited at that office to your Mint. When the same has been melted and assayed, and its value determined, please transmit to this office a memorandum showing the Mint value, that the transfer may be made from the bullion fund of the St. Louis Assay Office to that of your Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia

January 5, 1883.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of December for special Assay and forwarded to this office have been received viz:

4 Standard Silver Dollars	\$ 4.00
20 Quins	2.00
Total Value	6.00

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

January 5, 1883.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this office what size of black lead crucible, it will be necessary to use in which to melt 8.000 ounces of silver.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Encl to letter on page 136 Jan 3

Statement of Money (209) pieces Unsubmitted Mint U. S. at Philadelphia

From whom	No. of Transfers	Total Value	Set Value	Loss
Treasurer U. S. Washington	11.019	\$1,050.00	\$1,038.51	11.49
Asst. Treas. " " Baltimore	11.020	2,394.00	2,362.80	31.20
" " " " New York	11.015	35,000.00	34,406.51	593.49
" " " " Boston	11.016	30,363.00	30,066.96	296.04
" " " " Cincinnati	11.017	3,802.00	3,763.85	38.15
" " " " St. Louis	11.018	6,475.00	6,371.51	103.49
" " " " Chicago	11.024	2,077.00	2,036.09	40.91
" " " " St. Louis	11.033	2,000.00	1,965.44	34.56
" " " " New Orleans	11.022	195.00	190.98	4.02
" " " " Philadelphia	11.009	3,967.40	3,914.15	53.25
" " " " San Francisco	11.044	2,760.00	2,722.76	37.24
Total		\$90,888.40	88,839.56	1243.84

Supt. Mint

Philadelphia

January 5. 1883.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 2nd inst. I have this day made requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury in your behalf for an advance of \$12,000.00 from the appropriation contained in the first section of the act authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar passed Feb'y 28th 1878 to assist in meeting the expenses at your Mint during the current month including the Bills for copper to be used in the alloy of silver dollars mentioned in your letter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

January 5. 1883.

Sir,

C. D. No 5657 for \$2.88 being on account of old material sold during quarter ended Dec 31. 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 3rd inst. has been received, properly en-

dressed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, in person-
al credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount
to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

January 5. 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your in-
stitution during the month of January 1883 has been appro-
ved for the sum of \$24,500 payable from the following appri-
priations made for the support of your Mint during the
current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883	<u>\$ 25'00.</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>15'000.</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>7'000.</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,

Quicksilver.

J. & W. Seligman
New York City.

January 5. 1883.

Gentlemen.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant
transmitting statements of bullion handled by you during
last year, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard

Quicksilver.

Assayer in charge.

January 5. 1883.

St. Louis Mo.

Sir:

In future you will ship the gold bullion deposited

at your office for return in coin, by the Adams Express Co. to the Mint at Philadelphia instead of New Orleans as heretofore.

Great care should be taken by you to see that the bullion shipped is as free from base metal as practicable, in order to avoid as far as possible any loss on the same.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis, Mo.

January 5, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending December 31st 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis, Mo.

January 5, 1883.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$451.40 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 301.40</u>
Wages of workmen	"	
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>150.</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

January 5, 1883.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 26th inst. I have this day made requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury in your behalf, for an advance of Ten Thousand Dollars, from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, to meet the expenses of the refining at your Mint during the current month.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor.

To the Secretary of the
 State of

January 5, 1883.

Sir:

Please send me by mail, paying the enclosed stamps, a report of the State Auditor or other officer which shows the assessed valuation of the real and personal property in your State at or near the close of the year 1880, and any other official documents containing the same, or similar information.

If you are unable to furnish any such reports please cause the information to be inserted in the blanks of the enclosed statement and forward to me at your earliest convenience and oblige

Respectfully yours,
 Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor.

Copy sent to each State and Territory.

Statement of the assessed valuation of real and personal property in the State of _____ as reported by the _____ of the state for the year 1880

Lands and lots	Total real estate
Improvements	Personal property
	Total.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York City.

January 6, 1883.

Sir;

I will thank you to forward to this office as early as practicable memorandums showing the value of bullion shipped you by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. during the month of December, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

January 6, 1883.

Sir;

Your letter of the 2nd inst. enclosing statement of silver purchases during the month of December, 1882 has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

January 6th 1883.

Sir;

Your letter of the 3rd inst. enclosing statement, as requested in my letter of the 30th ult. is received.

On referring to my letter of the 5th ult you will see that the statement is incomplete.

Please forward statement giving in full, and by months the information called for.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

January 6. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your request for authority to purchase ten thousand ounces of silver to use in the coinage of subsidiary silver is received. I have been waiting for an official letter from the Secretary giving his opinion as to the proper or preferable mode of disposing of the silver bullion transferred to your Mint from the New York Assay Office.

He has in conference said informally that in his judgment this silver ought not to be used for the coinage of the standard dollar and that the authority to purchase silver bullion and issue subsidiary silver coins under the Coinage Act has not been repealed by subsequent legislation.

This silver transferred will probably either be ordered by the Secretary to be carried into the accounts and used for the coinage of subsidiary silver, or authority will be given to you by me to purchase it for such coinage at the rate charged to you upon its transfer.

There is a demand for dimes, and but few in the Treasury, and it is considered advisable to coin this silver into that denomination chiefly.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 6. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th instant stating that there is some demand from the Pacific Coast for minor coins and wishing to know whether I could not have the contract with the Adams Express Company extended to cover the State of California.

You also state that the Superintendent of the

Express Company offers to carry minor coins to San Francisco at a charge of 8 per cent. Inasmuch as the existing contract with the Adams Express Company page 3 paragraph 9, stipulates that they will carry to points in Nevada at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, I do not think I could be justified in agreeing to pay them 8 per cent. I am however willing to approve their bill, for transporting, at the charge of 6 per cent on the value, minor coins from Philadelphia to points in California, which appears to me to be a reasonable rate.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Hon Wm B. Allison.

U. S. Senate.

January 8. 1883.

Sir:

I have this day instructed the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. to furnish J. C. Savary of Coble, Montana, full information in regard to the character of the gold deposited at that Mint by one Thomas Arthur in November last.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Gen. S. D. Benet.

Chief of Ordnance.

War Department.

January 8. 1883.

Sir:

I am informed by the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, that the dies for the second class prize Army division marksmanship and for the second class prize army marksmanship medals are finished and the medals are now being struck therefrom and will be forwarded in a few days.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.
Carson.
 Sir:

January 8. 1893.

I have received from Hon Wm B. Allison, a letter addressed to him by W. M. Hubbard relating to deposits of gold made at your Mint by one Thomas Arthur in November last.

As it is believed that this bullion was stolen by Arthur from the persons in whose employ he was, you will please furnish to J. C. Savary at Cabo, Montana Territory as full a description as possible, showing the character of the gold deposited by Arthur and such other information in regard to the depositor mentioned as may be in your possession.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Wm B. Tana. & Co.
 79 & 81 William St.
 New York.

January 8. 1893.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 1st inst. for one years subscription in advance to the Commercial and Financial Chronicle purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$10.20 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

N. Silver Eq.U. S. Mint. Denver.

January 8, 1883

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd instant transmitting classified statements of the business of your mint during December. Your statement of "Deposits and purchases" places all the gold received under the head of domestic production, except re-deposits while your quarterly statement statement of bullion melted shows that three deposits received during December consisted either in whole or part of jewelry.

Please cause the monthly statements to be carefully prepared, and the deposits classified in accordance with the headings on the blanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

N. Silver Eq.Assayer. Denver.

January 8, 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$ 25.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year. viz:

Salaries	1883 <u>\$ 1000.</u>
Wages of workmen	" <u>1000.</u>
Contingent Expenses	" <u>500.</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.
Denver.

January 8, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd instant, transmitting your report of bullion melted during the quarter ending December 31, 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Southwick Guthrie Esq.
Washington D. C.

January 8, 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement the following accounts.

Bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for the transportation in the month of December 1881 from Council Bluffs to Ogden of certain articles of merchandise and stationery consigned to the care of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, and the Assayer in charge U. S. Assay office at Helena, Montana amounting to \$65.60

Bill of the Utah Northern R. R. Co. for transportation in the month of January 1882 from Ogden to Dillon of one box of merchandise consigned to the care of the assayer in charge U. S. Assay office at Helena, Montana amounting to \$4.00

Bill of the Utah Northern R. R. Co. for the transportation in the month of December 1881 from Ogden to Dillon of one barrel of borax, consigned to the care of the Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana, amounting to \$5.69.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

James Giffillan, Esq.
 Treasurer of the United States.

January 8, 1883

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be forwarded to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint New Orleans 200 blank

"Daily Statement of the condition of the Bullion Fund".

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director.

Assayer in charge
Helena, Mont.

January 8, 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement; the following bills: payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Assay Office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for the transportation in the month of December 1881 from Council Bluffs to Ogden of one barrel of Borax consigned to your care amounting to \$5.04.

Bill of the Utah Northern R. R. Co. for the transportation in the month of December 1881 from Ogden to Dillon of one barrel of Borax consigned to your care amounting to \$5.69.

Bill of the Utah Northern R. R. Co. for the transportation in the month of January 1882 from Ogden to Dillon of one box merchandise consigned to your care amounting to \$4.00

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director.

Your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing statement of gold remitted for gold coin during the month of December 1882 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Supt. Mint.

January 8. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst. stating that the Boston and Colorado Smelting Company advised you of the shipment of silver, amounting in the aggregate to 103,000 ounces the same to be sold in daily lots at the prices fixed by this office from time to time for lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your Mint, and in reply have to state that if the Company elect to sell this silver in this manner, you are authorized to purchase the same.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 8. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith, classified Statements of deposits and purchases during December, for correction.

The "Gold of domestic production" in your statement of deposits and purchases does not appear on Statement #61, and the Silver should be entered according to the headings, and as I have indicated by pencil.

Please cause similar statements in future to be made out in this manner.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 8. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

C.P. No 5664 for \$ 650.50 being on account of profits on medals and proof coins enclosed in your communication

of the 6th January 1883. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Medal Fund accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 8. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 5th instant, submitting a new device for the 5-cent nickel coin of the diameter of twenty one millimeters - which exceeds the diameter of the present 5-cent coin by one millimeter - of 5 grammes in weight and bearing the following devices and inscriptions viz:

On the obverse a head of Liberty with the inscription of the word "Liberty", and the year of coinage; and on the reverse the designation of the value of the coin with the inscription "United States of America." and "E. Pluribus Unum".

This piece in weight, devices and inscriptions is in conformity with the law, and you are hereby authorized to commence to strike coins of like character as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Approved.

Chas. J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Supt. Mint.

January 8. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing statement of silver purchases at your Mint from December 4. to December 23. 1882 has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

See

pp. 73 & 93.

& in Book 32,

p. 46.

Supt. Minit.
San Francisco.

January 8. 1883.

Sir:

✓ C. I. No 521 for \$1494.41 being on account of sales of old material enclosed in your communication of the 30th ult. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.
San Francisco.

January 8. 1883.

Sir:

✓ C. I. No 522 for \$21. being on account of assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.
San Francisco, Cal.

January 8. 1883.

Sir:

✓ I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement Bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co for the transportation in the month of December 1881 from Council Bluffs to Ogden of three boxes of merchandise and four boxes and two bundles of stationery, consigned to your care amounting to \$60.63 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses.

of your Minit for the fiscal year ended June 30 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

San Francisco.

January 8, 1883.

Sir;

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first delivery in each week at your Minit during the month of November 1882 forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

St. Louis, Mo.

January 8, 1883.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 5th instant, transmitting classified statements of the business of your office during December.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

L. Schneider & Son.

1759 Pa. Ave. City.

January 8, 1883.

Gentlemen

Your bill of the 1st instant for hardware purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this bureau amounting to \$13.40 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the

amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

The Tribune Co.

New York.

January 8, 1883.

Gentlemen

Your bill of the 1st instant for one years subscrip-
tion from that date to the Daily & Sunday Tribune, pur-
chased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$14, has
been approved, and referred to the proper accounting of-
ficers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will
probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

January 8, 1883.

Sir;

Your letter of the 6th instant enclosing statement of gold
bars exchanged for gold coin during the month of December,
1882, has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint

New Orleans.

January 9, 1883.

Makes no payments of gold coin from delivery number one
number twenty-second but retain the same in your Mint
until further advised. If any have gone out, note me when
and to whom.

Confirmed.

Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Telegram Supt. Assay Office.

January 8. 1883.

New York City.

✓ Please send immediately classified statements for December called for on twenty-eighth ultimo.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

✓ Superintendent Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Assayer in charge.

January 9. 1883.

Bosco City.

Sir:

✓ I send you by to days mail three copies of a sheet additional to the Regulations, which I have had printed showing the additions and changes in them since the issue of the last edition, dated June 25th 1881.

Very respectfully

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

✓ Assayer in charge

Charlotte N. C.

✓ " " "

Denver Col.

✓ " " "

Helena Mont.

✓ " " "

St Louis Mo.

✓ Supt. Mint.

Carson City Nev.

✓ " Assay Office

New York N. Y.

✓ " Mint

New Orleans La.

✓ " "

Philadelphia Pa.

✓ " "

San Francisco Cal. ✓

Supt. Mint.

January 9. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Trust Comptroller of the Treasurer has decided, that the amounts paid from the appropriation for wages of workmen under

the joint resolutions of June 30, 1882, and subsequent dates for the service of persons subsequently appropriated for at salaries, should be charged to the appropriation for salaries subsequently made.

Under this ruling the amount appropriated for salaries at your Mint for the current fiscal year will be \$289,14.66 and the amount appropriated for wages of workmen, which you are entitled to expend, will be \$54,630.00.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Hon. E. J. Anderson.
Comptroller of the Treasury.
Trenton, N. J.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Annual Report of the Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of New Jersey for the year ending October 31, 1881 for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Denver Col. for the month ending December 31st 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

First Auditor.

January 9, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Coll. Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending November 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Quictor.

First Auditor.

January 9, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Quictor.

Prof. S. J. Baird.

January 9, 1883.

Secretary Smithsonian Institute.

Sir;

Please forward the accompanying documents as addressed, namely, The annual report of the Quictor of the Mint for the fiscal year 1882 and the Report on the production of gold and silver in the United States for the calendar years 1880. and 1881 To;

Robert Ingran JackWalter WoodC. A. WilkinsonRobert Cechridge

Care of Royal Society of New South Wales.

Sidney. N. S. W.

Very respectfully. Horatio C. Bruchard.

Quictor.

Bulletin Publishing Co.

January 9, 1883.

West Sullivan, Maine.

Gentlemen.

Upon examination I find that the subscription of this office to the "Bulletin" was for one (1) year from Sept. 8, 1880, but you have continued sending the same.

You will please discontinue the subscription. Your account will be referred to the proper officials of the Department for settlement and in the course of business a draft for the amount transmitted you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Wm Ballantyne & Son.

January 9, 1883.

428 1/2 St. N. W. City.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 1st inst. for books &c purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$ 49.50 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officials of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Mrs. J. Cutter, Esq.

January 9, 1883.

329 Broadway.

New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, is received. "The Tail of Shanghai" is not printed in the circular of standard coins because there is no such coin.

The value of the silver bullion contained in the silver coins is computed according to the rule suggested by

Secretary Sherman in his letter of December 30, 1879, found in my report of 1880, page 47 (a copy of which I send you,) namely, the London value for the last three months preceding the estimation.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

Denver, Col.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending December 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

Denver, Col.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account with Abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending December 31st 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

Denver, Col.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of a communication received from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing copy of a letter from Henry Sanford, General Manager of the Adams Express Company in which

that Company agree to transport gold bullion from your Mint to the Philadelphia Mint at the rate of \$2.43 per 1,000

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

Assayer in charge.

Denver Col.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

C. I. No 774 for \$66. Being on account of assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 5th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be credited into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

Hon. L. S. Fielinghuysen.

Secretary of State.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be forwarded to Mr B. L. Stevens of the United States Government Dispatch Agency, No. 4, Trafalgar Square, London, three perfect standard silver dollars of 1883 enclosed herewith for that purpose.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

Assayer in charge.

Helena, Mont.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the First-Comptroller of the Treasury has decided that the amounts paid from the appropriation for wages of workmen, under the joint

resolution of June 30, 1882, and subsequent dates for the sum of persons subsequently appropriated for at salaries, should be charged to the appropriation for salaries subsequently made.

Under this ruling the amount appropriated for salaries at your Assay Office for the current fiscal year will be \$7168.22 and the amount appropriated for wages of workmen which you are entitled to expend will be \$10,180.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Assayer in Charge

Helena. Mont.

January 9, 1883.

Sir;

I have your letter of the 16th ult. explaining errors in the imposition of charges at your Assay Office, discovered in the examination of the Abstracts sheets accompanying your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ended Sept. 30, 1882, and of which I wrote you on the 17th of November last. In regard to the "per deposit charge" additional to the parting and refining charge, you have already been instructed to impose it on each deposit, on and after the 1st inst; and the institution to which you ship your Bullion has been instructed to impose it on each shipment received from you.

In regard to the practice which you state is pursued at your office of imposing a parting charge of four cents (4^c) per ounce on gold Bullion between 400 and 100 fine, for the reason that when a number of deposits are melted into one bar for shipment, it often averages more than 100 fine, and the rate of four cents (4^c) per ounce is imposed on the mass at the institution to which it is shipped - I would say that you have no right to charge depositors a higher rate for parting and refining their Bullion than that authorized by the Regulations.

The charge on Bullion of the grade mentioned should

be three cents (3¢) per ounce unless it contains over a hundred base metal, in which case it should be four cents (4¢) per ounce to accord with the schedule rate at New York, and if you find that the melting of Bullion of this grade with other deposits, brings the mass above 100 fine, and subjects it to a charge of four cents (4¢) per ounce, the proper thing to do would be to melt Bullion between the grades named, in a bar separate from Bullion of a higher grade.

As the additional charge of \$1.00 per deposit of 1000 ounces or less, which you will hereafter impose will probably more than cover any differences arising to your disadvantage at the New York Assay Office, I think it will be unnecessary to impose a higher rate in any case than that authorized by the Regulations.

The reason given in your letter for imposing the rate of $\frac{1}{10}$ of one per cent for melting assaying and stamping gold Bullion instead of that authorized by the Regulations, does not appear to me, to be a good one; but as I am satisfied that the error was unintentional, I have decided to approve the accounts.

Hereafter you will, in all cases charge the rates authorized by the Instructions, viz: $\frac{1}{8}$ of one per cent.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Thomas J. Keating, Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury.
Annapolis, Md.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two copies of the Annual Report of the Comptroller of the Treasury Department for the year ending Sept. 30, 1881, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard. Quicks.

John A. Lemon, Esq.Auditor General of Pennsylvania.
Harrisburg. Pa

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Report of the Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the month ending November 30, 1882, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mmit.New Orleans, La.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the First Comptroller of the Treasury has decided that the amounts appropriated for wages of workmen under the joint resolutions of June 30, 1882, and subsequent dates for the service of persons subsequently appropriated for, at salaries should be charged to the appropriation for salaries subsequently made.

Under this ruling, the amount appropriated for salaries at your Mmit. for the current fiscal year will be \$30,988.36 and the amount appropriated for wages of workmen, which you are entitled to expend will be \$74,967.50

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Assay Office.New York City.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the First Comptroller of the Treasury has decided that the amounts paid from the appropriation for wages of workmen, under the joint resolutions of June 30, 1882, and subsequent dates for the

Service of persons subsequently appropriated for at salaries should be charged to the appropriation for salaries subsequently made.

Under this ruling, the amount appropriated for salaries at your Assay Office, for the current fiscal year will be \$38,665.07 and the amount appropriated for wages of workmen which you are entitled to expend will be \$25,705.00.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York City.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

4000 Silver Deposit Sheets #2. A.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$12,650. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$2650.-</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>7500.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>2500.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

Supt. Mmit.

Philadelphia.

January 9, 1883.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day. viz:

1000 Silver deposit checks #2. a.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

Philadelphia Pa.

January 9, 1883.

Sir;

I have to inform you that the Trust Comptroller of the Treasury has decided that the amounts paid from the appropriation for wages of workmen under the joint resolution of June 30, 1882, and subsequent dates for the benefit of persons subsequently appropriated for at salaries, should be charged to the appropriations for salaries subsequently made.

Under this ruling the amount appropriated for salaries at your Mmit for the current fiscal year will be \$40,907.53 and the amount appropriated for wages of workmen which you are entitled to expend will be \$298,645.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

Philadelphia, Pa.

January 9, 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refining & Stand. Silver Toll Expense account for the month ending December 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard. Director.

Supt. Mmt.

Philadelphia, Pa.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting offices of the Department for examination and settlement, your Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending December 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmt.

Philadelphia

January 9, 1883

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing the bids for the Remmey Pots and copy of a communication from the Miller and Refiner, has been received.

It appears that upon opening the bids invited by you the offer of Mr James W. Boyd to deliver one hundred and eighty - two porcelain pots at \$14.50 each was the lowest, and you recommended its acceptance, and that upon submitting to the Miller and Refiner the question of the number needed by him for the refining he stated that "He can employ a much larger number, say several hundred, especially for working up residues with economical results for the Government" "xxxxxx" and that we can store them profitably for future use.

Without questioning the decision of the Miller and Refiner that several hundred will be required for future use in the refining at your Mmt, his statement as to the time is so indefinite that I have found it necessary to look at the record of previous purchases to enable me to judge how many it would be proper and prudent to take of the pots offered by Mr Boyd.

The last purchase was on December 15, 1879 of thirty

pots at thirty dollars apiece. The present lower price may permit the economical use of the pots for other purposes, but it does not seem to me probable that more than double the number purchased in 1879 will be required for the next three years; and I would therefore suggest that you limit the number to be accepted under Mr. Boyds offer to eight, unless you and the Miller and Refiner are satisfied that you will soon need a greater number. I am more reluctant to expend at this time a larger amount in the purchase of these pots, because that while the earnings of your refinery for the last and during the present year largely exceed the expenditures, the total expenditures exceed the total earnings of your refinery by nearly two thousand dollars. I return you the bids that you may formally make an award upon them and accept Mr. Boyds offer for a limited number.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Proprietors of
West Sullivan Bulletin.

January 9, 1883.

West Sullivan, N.H.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 19th ultimo for 2 years subscription to Sullivan Bulletin purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$10, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the First Comptroller of the Treasury has decided that the amounts paid from the appropriation for wages of workmen under the joint resolution of June 30, 1882, and subsequent dates, for the service of persons subsequently appropriated for, at salaries, should be charged to the appropriation for salaries subsequently made. Under this ruling the amount appropriated for salaries at your Mint for the current fiscal year will be \$41,626.03 and the amount appropriated for wages of workmen, which you are entitled to expend will be \$243,705.50.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 500 Gold Bullion deposit sheets.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Randolph Stalnaker Jr. Esq.

Secretary of State.

Wheeling, W. Va.

January 9, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Biennial Report of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia for the years 1879 and 1880, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard. Quicksilver.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 9, 1883

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Thousand and Fifty ⁷⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1,050.⁷⁹/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin, and Seventeen ³⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$17.³⁶/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Thousand and Sixty eight ¹⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1,068.¹⁵/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 40 dated Jan'y. 5, 1883. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 9, 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause the enclosed list of questions to be addressed to the Representatives of the United States abroad, and their replies to be transmitted to this Bureau.

The information sought is for the purpose of continuing the tables of Monetary Statistics published annually by the Director of the Mint, and also to obtain the latest information respecting the value, for commercial purposes of foreign coins.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

List of questions to be addressed to the Representatives of the United States at the following countries viz:
Argentine Republic, Austria, Hungary, Australia, Polonia, Brazil, Cape of Good Hope, Central American States, Chile

China, Cuba, Ecuador, Germany, Great Britain, India,
Japan, Mexico, Paraguay, & Uruguay, Peru, Portugal,
Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden & Norway, Siam,
Turkey, U. States of Colombia, Venezuela

For the year 1882.

1. What was the amount of gold coined in denominations and value?
2. What was the amount of silver coined in denominations and value?
3. What was the import and export of gold coin and of gold bullion?
4. What was the import and export of silver coin and of silver bullion?
5. What amount of gold was produced by the mines?
6. What amount of silver was produced by the mines?
7. What was the estimated amount of gold coin in the Treasury, in banks, and in circulation respectively, at the close of the year 1882?
8. What was the estimated amount of silver coin in the Treasury, in banks and in circulation, respectively at the close of the year 1882?
9. What amount of paper currency, government and other, respectively, was outstanding at the close of the year 1882?
10. Were any laws passed during the year 1882, affecting the coinage, issue or legal-tender, character of the metallic and paper circulation? If so, please transmit copies.

The same questions except Nos 5. and 6 to be ad-
deduced to the Representatives at Algiers, Belgium,
Canada, Denmark, Egypt, France, Greece, Haiti,
Italy, Morocco, Netherlands, Switzerland, Tripoli,
Tunis.

Lorin Woolford, Esq.

January 9, 1883.

State Tax Commissioner
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Report of the State Tax Commissioner of Maryland, 1879, and the Annual Report of the Comptroller of the Treasury Department to the Governor of Maryland, for the year ended September 30, 1882, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio K. Purchard.

Director.

John A. Taylor, Esq.

January 9, 1883.

Corner 19th & Callowhill Sts.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to manufacture and forward to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, as early as practicable, the following crucibles and covers, provided you are willing to furnish the same at the rate at which you furnish the Philadelphia Mint with the same articles, viz.

100 - No 20 crucibles with one cover for each.100 - No 25 with cover for each.50 - Covers for No 30 pots.50 - Covers for No 40 pots.50 - Covers for No 50 pots.

You will please ship them as early as you can as they are required for immediate use, transmitting your account receipted in duplicate to this office accompanied by bill of lading.

I have also to request that you will manufacture 20 crucibles with covers for each capable of holding 8000 ounces of standard silver, provided that you are willing to warrant that pots of this size will stand the number of melts requisite to make their use advisable, that is from eight to fifteen melts. In regard to the size of

the latter, you will please consult the Superintendent and Melter and Refiner of the Mint in your City and be governed by their suggestions and advice.

Very respectfully,

Norville C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Treasury Department.

Bureau of the Mint.

January 9th 1883.

I have the honor to report in respect to the charges against Joseph Albrecht, Assayer of the New Orleans Mint, referred by you to me on the 19th October last, that I proceeded to New Orleans for the purpose of investigating the charges, and upon my arrival, on the 15th day of November last, I notified Mr S. K. Stewart to appear before me to testify and produce such proof as he had in his possession, in substantiation of the charges. I also submitted a copy of the charges to the assayer, to which, he made his written answer, which is herewith enclosed.

Mr Stewart had left the City the day before my arrival. But upon receiving my notice note informing me that on account of important business it would be impossible for him to attend the examination, but that his attendance was not necessary as he had given the names of the witnesses by whom the charges could be proved.

I proceeded, therefore, to take the testimony of all the witnesses named by him who were in the City, as well as the evidence submitted by Dr Albrecht, and caused transcripts to be taken of any entries in the Mint records relating to the charges, and I have prepared and submit the following summary of the charges and evidence and my conclusions in regard to the same.

Mr Stewart's charges against the Assayer were:
First. Appropriating to his individual use the fees received for assays of ore, bullion &c, and altering or

omitting to enter the assay and charge in the book kept for that purpose.

Second. Taking from the U. S. Mint tin or twenty barrels of coal.

Third. Taking government employees to perform private work for him, both inside and outside of the Gov. building.

Fourth. Refusing to perform assays for the U. S. Government unless paid cash in advance.

Fifth. Causing an employee to perform regularly duties not legally assigned to the employee merely to save himself the labor of doing them.

Sixth. Using the laboratory of the Mint to do private work in contravention of regulations.

Seventh. That he has habitually omitted to make the entries of the assay of ores received by him.

Accompanying the charges were specifications giving the time, names and dates when the alleged misconduct occurred.

First Charge.

In regard to the first charge, it should be remarked that the law does not make it the duty of the Assayer of the Mint to make analyses or assays of ore, but he is required to assay ingots prepared by the Minter and Refiner for coinage, and gold and silver bullion deposited for payment of its value in coin or bars. But for public convenience he has been permitted without objection, to make assays and analyses, and the Regulations of 1881, page 1 prescribe the assay charge — for assaying ores $\$3$ — and for analytical assays $\$10$.

It is proper, when the duties he is by law required to perform permit, that he should make such assays and analyses on the part of the Government. The fees received, being paid over to the Superintendent and deposited as one of the miscellaneous earnings of the Mint.

Such has been the practice at the Mints. Assays, experimental or for personal accommodation, have without objection frequently been made, free of charge at all

the Mints for officials, members of Congress, and persons in the public service.

The evidence showed that, as to the first specification, two assays were made for Dr. R. Matas, for which, two dollars were charged, and the money was paid over by Dr. Albrecht to the Superintendent.

There was no proof to sustain the second specification.

Upon the third Dr. Albrecht admitted and testified that he received five dollars for one analysis made for Mr. Williams, at the Mint, in his own private laboratory in the Mint building.

As to the fifth specification the evidence showed that an assay was made as a matter of accommodation for Dr. Bongars, the Melter and Refiner of the Mint.

The evidence in regard to the sixth specification disclosed that Mr. Clausen, one of the assistant-assayers of the Mint, made, without the knowledge of Dr. Albrecht, an experimental assay of a watch case for his own information and that of a friend.

The evidence to the seventh specification showed that four assays had been made by Dr. Albrecht for J. M. Sandridge, he instructing the son of the latter in the method of assaying, and that Mr. Sandridge paid Dr. Albrecht twelve dollars which the latter says was for instruction of the son, and not for the assays.

As to the eighth specification the testimony showed that Dr. Albrecht made an analysis of soil, in his private laboratory in the Mint building, and was paid ten dollars therefor, which he retained.

Second Charge.

The evidence relating to the second charge of taking from the United States Mint ten or twenty barrels of coal, disclosed that ten barrels — a drag-load of coal were, at the request of Dr. Albrecht, by order of Superintendent Davis loaded from the coal at the wharf purchased for and belonging to the United States and sent to

the private residence of Dr. Albrecht and received by him.

Third Charge.

The evidence did not sustain, but disproved the third charge, of taking government employees to perform private work.

Fourth Charge.

As to the fourth charge, as the law does not require the Assayers to make assays or analyses for other branches of the public service, Dr. Albrecht had a legal right to refuse to make gratuitous assay unless ordered to do so by his superior officers.

Fifth Charge.

The assayer has a right to assign to the clerks and employees in his department duties, if competent to perform them, other than that which their title might indicate they were appointed and expected to perform.

Sixth Charge.

The proof in relation to the sixth charge, was, that Dr. Albrecht has done private work in the mint building for his own benefit, and that he has made analyses as charged.

The laws relating to the Mints and Coinage do not forbid any private work from being performed at the mints and Assay Offices. But the Mint Regulations printed in 1858, as well as those now in force prohibit private or extra official work being done in any Mint or Assay office; and it is provided by the Regulations of 1881 that "No profit can accrue to any officer, clerk or workman of any Mint or Assay Office by reason of the legitimate operations thereof, and no private or extra official ^{work} can be done therein, with, or without compensation, or reward by any such officer, clerk or workman.

If this rule be violated by any officer or clerk, the fact shall be reported to the Director of the Mint; if violated by any workman he will be forthwith dismissed."

(Instructions and Regulations for Mints and Assay

Office 1881, page 24, paragraph 25.)

In excuse and justification for his making chemical analyses, and doing work in the Mint building on his own account, Dr. Albrecht stated that when appointed Assayer, he was a chemist, and employed as such, at an ample salary, by a firm in the city of New Orleans; that he understood, and it was understood by the Superintendent of the Mint, that he should have a room in the Mint building as his private laboratory, separate from the other rooms used for assaying; that such room was assigned; that work done, and analyses made by him as charged were done or made with his own material, using his own apparatus and utensils, and not in office hours, or when there was any assay work to be done for the Mint.

He does not seem to have regarded this as improper, or to have considered it a violation of the regulations, and though it was irregular and improper without having obtained permission from the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary, it does not appear to me from the evidence to have been the intention of Dr. Albrecht to defraud the Government or to willfully disregard the regulations, as a room seems to have been assigned to him for his private and special use, and his making therein experimental and other analyses and assays for his own benefit was known and not disapproved by his immediate superiors.

As to receiving ten barrels of coal taken from the Mint supply of coal at the dock and sent by Superintendent Davis to Dr. Albrecht's house for his private use, he (Dr. Albrecht) stated that the New Orleans Mint Building was constructed, and originally intended to accommodate not only the operations of the Mint in coinage but to be used as the residence of the Mint officers and their families and it has on either side a wing constructed for no other use; that the Superintendent and Comptroller, here, with their families, lived in the Mint since it was

opened in 1878 for coinage, and the Miller and Refiner has his own private rooms in the opposite wing; and that the privilege of occupying rooms in the Mint for a residence was taken into account in fixing the salaries of the Mint officers which are lower than those paid at other institutions; that he relinquished the privilege of living in the Mint building, occupying a private residence; that had he lived in the Mint, his rooms would have been lighted and warmed by the Government, and that he claimed and the Superintendent allowed that he was entitled to have a load of coal sent to his residence as a set-off to what would have been required to have warmed the rooms which he would have occupied in the mint building.

This claim, in my judgement, ought not to have been made or allowed, the value of the coal however, was less than four dollars; it was taken openly, apparently in good faith, without any intention to defraud the Government of that amount.

Dr. Albrecht is regarded by every one as a man of skill and integrity. No complaint has been made of his administration with respect to his official action in assaying or reporting upon the bullion received at the Mint, and no proof was submitted affecting his official conduct, except in making analyses and assays in the Mint building on private account, and receiving ten barrels of coal sent to him by the Superintendent as alleged.

Upon consideration of this case and the evidence and facts above stated, I am of the opinion, first that Dr. Albrecht, the assayer of the New Orleans Mint, in several instances, disregarded the regulations of the Director, approved by the Secretary, in carrying on, and receiving compensation for private work in the Mint building; secondly, that he ought not to have received, and the Superintendent of the Mint ought not to have delivered to him, the free-load of coal sent to his residence from the Mint surplus of coal; but that as these acts

appear to have been done, under a mistaken opinion as to his rights and privileges as a Mint officer, and in view of his efficiency and integrity, and general good character, I do not feel called upon to recommend his removal from office, believing that the disapproval of his conduct and information as to its impropriety will prevent the recurrence of any similar irregularity.

I enclose herewith the charges of Mr Steward, owner of Dr. Albrecht, and the evidence taken at the examination.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor.

First Auditor.

January 10. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the ordinary and refining expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the month ending November 30th 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor.

First Auditor.

January 10. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bellin accounts of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson for the Quarter ending Sept. 30. 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor.

Mr. Butterfield Esq.Secretary State Board of Equalization.
Concord N. H.

January 10, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Statement and Report of the State Board of Equalization of New Hampshire for the year 1879, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

J. B. Carr Esq.

Secretary of State.

Albany N. Y.

January 10, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Annual Report of the State Assessors for the years 1881 and 1882, enclosed in your letter of the 8th instant for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

C. N. Carey, M. D.

Butterfield, Ind.

January 10, 1883.

Sir;

Your postal of the 5th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office, and in reply I have to state, that in a book entitled "Coins of all Nations", edited by James Ross Snowden, you will find an imprint of all U. S. Coins except that of the present standard silver and trade dollar and 20¢ piece. I am not aware that an imprint of the latter has ever been published in any book.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.
Carson City.

January 10th 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, and Refining expense accounts for the month ending November 30, 1882, with my approval.

Referring to voucher #72 Ordinary account. (Bill of Account Bns. for Letter Copying Press and Blotting paper) I desire to call your attention to the fact, that articles of this kind are furnished by the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department, and should be included in your semi-annual requisitions.

If from any cause in future, it is desirable to make special purchases outside of the Department you will please state the necessity therefor and obtain authority before doing so.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.
Carson City.

January 10, 1883.

Sir;

Please forward your Bulletin accounts for the Quarter ended December 31, 1882, as soon after the receipt of this letter as possible.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.
Carson.

January 10, 1883.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$10,500 payable from the following

appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883	\$25'00
Wages of workmen	"	6000
Contingent Expenses	"	2000

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Capt. Mint.

Carson.

January 10, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bulletin accounts for the Quarter ending September 30, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Capt. Mint.

Carson.

January 10, 1883.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Capt. Mint.

Carson.

January 10, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd instant transmitting statements of Annual Assay Coins shipped

To the Mint at Philadelphia, during the quarter ended
December 31, 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge.

Denver, Col.

January 10, 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting
officer of the Department for examination and
settlement, and payable from the appropriation for
contingent expenses at your assay office, for the fiscal
year ended June 30 1882, a bill of the Union Pacific
R. R. Co for the transportation from Council Bluffs to
Denver via the Julesburg Branch in the month of May
1882 of five (5) boxes of crucibles, five (5) cartons of acid,
one (1) barrel of salt peter, one (1) barrel of borax, one (1)
barrel of ammonia four (4) casks of crucibles, one (1)
box of glass ware and one (1) box of hardware, consigned
to your care amounting to \$113.95.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Southwick Guthrie Esq.

Washington D. C.

January 10, 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting
officer of the Department for examination and settlement
a bill of the Union Pacific R. R. for the transportation in
the month of January 1882 from Council Bluffs to Denver
of certain supplies, consigned to the Assayer in charge of
the assay office at Denver, amounting to \$113.95 \$68.37 of
which is due the Union Pacific R. R. proper and \$45.58 the
Julesburg Branch.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard. Quicksilver.

Supt. Mmit.

New Orleans.

January 10. 1883.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst in relation to the pay rolls for over time in the melting and refining department of your Mmit for the month of December 1882. I would state for your information, that it is not essential that the overtime should appear on the same roll as the regular time for the month in which it occurs although it is desirable that it should, and spaces are printed on the pay rolls for that purpose.

You can embrace the over-time for the month of December, either on a separate roll, or on the January roll or with the January over-time, which ever may be most convenient for you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

Denver.

January 10. 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant transmitting requisition for stationery for the use of your Mmit during the six months ending June 30. 1883. I have to say that the same has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for his approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

New Orleans.

January 10. 1883.

Sir;

The following cruise occurred at your Mmit during the month of December 1882 for special assay and forwarded to

this office, have been received. viz:

4 Standard Silver Dollars. \$4.00

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 10, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your Register of gold and silver bullion deposited and purchased during the quarter ended December 31, 1882, transmitted by your letter of the 6th instant.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 10, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your statement of the shipment of Annual Assay Coins to the Mint at Philadelphia for the month of October, November, and December 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

There are a number of Members of Congress and officials who desire to see, and receive a specimen of the new Two Cent Nickel Coin.

Can you send me 20 proofs, that have the date 1882, and device just adopted.

Very respectfully

I enclose \$1.00 to pay for same.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Henry B. Price, Esq.

January 10, 1883.

Secretary of the Commonwealth
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of Public Document No. 19 entitled Aggregates of Polls, Property Taxes, &c. for the years 1880, 1881, and 1882, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th transmitting classified statements of deposits and purchases during the month of December 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 10, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of 1,000,000 standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 10. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa of the sum of Sixty-five Thousand Seven Hundred and Three $\frac{16}{100}$ Dollars, (\$65,703.16) in gold coin, and Two Hundred and Sixty-five $\frac{58}{100}$ Dollars.

(\$265.58) in silver coin, making a total of Sixty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-eight $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars.

(\$65,968.74) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 46, dated January 5, 1883 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 10. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

B. L. Stevens Esq.4 Trilalgar Square
London.

January 10, 1883.

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 18th December, I have transmitted to the Secretary of State three proof standard silver dollars of 1883, with the request that he will cause the same to be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Capt. Mmit.

San Francisco.

January 10, 1883

Sir;

The coins received at your Mmit during the month of Dec. 1882 for special assay and forwarded to this Office, have been received viz:

4 Double Eagles	\$ 80.
5 Standard Silver Dollars	5.
Total Value	\$ 85.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Capt. Mmit.

Philadelphia.

January 10, 1883.

Sir;

Your request of the 9th inst. to be informed of what charges, if any should be imposed at your Mmit for exchange of fine gold bars for gold coin, is received.

No charges are to be imposed for such exchange, but the gold bars are to be exchanged value for value for gold coin at its full value.

The law does not specify fine gold bars, requiring merely the delivery of gold bars. It would therefore

be your duty to give in exchange for the gold coin. Such gold bars, exceeding Two Thousand Dollars in value, as you have in the Mint; giving fine gold bars if preferred, and not inconvenient for your business.

In case you have no fine gold bars of sufficient value, you should deliver in exchange, for the gold coin a standard bar; and if in lieu of the latter a fine bar is decided. The standard bar must be deposited, a charge imposed for refining it, and then its net value can be paid in fine bars.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Quicksilver

W. B. Taylor Esq.

January 10. 1883.

Care Hon. John A. Logan.
U. S. Senate.

✓ Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant I have to state that the issuing of a memorial medal of Lincoln & Garfield has never been authorized by Congress, but such medals have been struck at the Philadelphia Mint and can be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of that institution and are sold for \$4.50 and \$2.00 each, for the gold, and at 30¢ and 60¢ each for the silver.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Quicksilver.

Treasury Auditor.

January 11. 1883.

Treasury Department.

✓ Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refining accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending December 31st 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of

adjudgment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

First Auditor.

January 11, 1883.

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. for the month ending December 31st 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjudgment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Telegram. Anglo Californian Bank.
San Francisco.

January 11th 1883.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
Denver, Colorado.

January 11, 1883.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at One Hundred and eight tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Telegram Supt. Minit.
Carson, Nevada.

January 11, 1883.

Offer of Williams accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

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Telegram

Nandy & Cornie.

January 11, 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

✓ Your offers accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram

Nevada Bank.

January 11, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Your offer of fifty three thousand ounces at one hundred and nine cents accepted, other declined.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

January 11, 1883.

New Orleans.

✓ Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty-five thousand ounces at one hundred and nine and eight tenths cents per ounce fine, and from Nandy & Cornie one hundred and fifty thousand ounces at one hundred and nine and seventy seven hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

July 11, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Receive from Nevada Bank fifty-three thousand ounces at one hundred and nine cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Carson

January 11, 1883

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Memorandums of silver bullion (for sales) No 44.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Carson.

January 11, 1883.

Sir;

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name \$26,015.71 being the balance to the credit of the silver profit fund of your Mint September 30, 1882 and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Denver, Col.

January 11, 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting offices of the Department for examination and settlement a Bill of the "Star Union Line", for the transportation in the month of August 1882 of a box of Stationery from Washington to St. Louis, consigned to your care amounting to \$70 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

S. A. Holbrook Esq.

State Treasurer.

Augusta, Maine.

January 11, 1883.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Report of the Treasurer and of the Commissioner of the valuation of the State of Maine, forwarded in your letter of the 9th instant, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

Capt. Minit.

Philadelphia.

January 11, 1883.

Sir,

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rate and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Handy & Cronise 200,000 ounces at \$ 1.0977

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

George Nichols Esq.

Secretary of State.

Northfield, Vermont.

January 11, 1883.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9th instant, enclosing a statement of the assessed valuations of Vermont made April 1st 1880 and 1881 for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 11. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the Sullivan fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of 1,000,000 standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 11th 1883.New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst. transmitting a statement showing the number of dis. received, paid, destroyed and returned by your Mint for 1882.

I have to invite your attention to the Instructions and Regulations, page 14. Sections 1, 2 and 3, which require that the dis. be destroyed in the presence of the Superintendent and Assayer who will jointly certify to the destruction; and also to the last paragraph of letter of this Office of October 29th 1880, which requires that the list of dis. destroyed shall refer to the dis. by their individual numbers.

Dis. sent to your Mint are charged to you by their numbers, and unless those destroyed or returned to Philadelphia are referred to in the same manner, the record of dis. cannot be complete.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 11, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish me with a transcript from the Assayer's Record of assays of gold ingots, showing the fineness of each melt reported during the year 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 11, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to inform you that this office has not received the Melters and Refiners monthly statements showing number of melts made and number condemned during the current year. Please cause the same to be rendered promptly in future.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 11, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon the coin sent to this Office for special assay, from the Number Coinage at your Mint, from which you will observe, that the gold coin taken from delivery number one has been found below the legal limit of tolerance for fineness which discredits all the coins in the delivery from which the coin was taken, and necessitates the retention of all the coins of that delivery in your possession until by further test it has been ascertained whether it is not necessary or advisable to remelt them. You are

Therefore included to take from each sack containing coins of that delivery, remaining in your possession for pieces.

Place three from each sack in a sealed envelope, which you will number to correspond with the number placed upon the sack, from which they were taken, and forward the sealed envelopes by registered mail to this office, and you will retain the remainder of the coins of that delivery in the sack which you will keep sealed until further orders.

Please hereafter retain your monthly coinage, as far as practicable until report of monthly test is received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

January 11, 1883.

New York City

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refining expense accounts for the month ending December 31st 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

January 11, 1883.

New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your Bullion accounts for the 3rd quarter of the Calendar year 1882. Your attention is respectfully directed to the fact, that the balance in your Bullion fund account, September 30, 1882, exceeds by \$45⁰⁰ the amount called for by the official transcript from the books of the Treasury office i.e.

Amount called for by your a/c \$30,149,595.91

" " " Treasury books \$30,149,550.91

The error is in transfer order No 10755 dated July 18, 1882, on the Assistant Treasurer at New York in your favor for 133,207.751 standard ounces, fine gold bars, which were transferred to your institution at the value of \$2,478,238.75 and as taken up in the transcript which you furnish; the Treasurer; whereas, the value of the gold bars named should have been \$2,478,283.75 or \$45 - more than the value at which they were transferred.

On your transcript to the Treasurer of September 30, 1882, the balance certified to be in your hands, belonging to the Bullion fund is \$30,149,550.91 or \$45 - less than the balance shown by your accounts of the same date.

I also find that in entering the transfer referred to in the summary statement of operations in gold for the Quarter, you have reduced the amount of this transfer from the amount entered in your gold Bullion account, and in your Bullion fund account to \$2,478,238.75 the amount called for by the transfer order; and in order to make your account of the transactions balance, you have reduced the balance of bars on hand September 30, from the amount called for by your accounts and your balance sheet by the sum of \$45 -

As the summary statement is intended to be a resume of the accounts themselves, this entry could not be approved and it will be necessary for you to correct this summary statement of operations in gold by changing the entry \$2,478,238.75 to \$2,478,283.75 and increasing correspondingly the balance of gold bars on hand to conform with the bars actually at your office on that date. This can be done in red ink; and your accounts are herewith returned for that purpose.

This error should have been reported by you when it was first discovered in order that the transactions could have been corrected in the same Quarter in which the transfer was originally made.

As they now stand, your accounts will differ

from the Treasurer's statement, which is used in their examination, and the correction will be made by Transfer Order covering the amount of the discrepancy, so that the balance in your Bullion fund account will not agree with the Treasurer's statement until the close of the Quarter ending March 31, 1883.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 11, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Hugh Clarke books.

1 Register of Fine Silver Bars.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

A. Smith, Esq.

January 11, 1883.

Elora, Canada.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing \$2.00 and requesting to be furnished with gold 25 and 50 cent pieces. I have to state that I cannot furnish you with the pieces referred to as they are not coins of the United States. I return herewith the \$2.00 received in your letter.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

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Frank D. Sloat, Esq.
State Comptroller.
 New Haven Conn.

January 11, 1883.

✓ Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a List of Taxable Property, in the State of Connecticut for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

January 11, 1883.

✓ Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day. viz:

1000 Memorandums of fine gold bullion deposited

4,000 " of silver bullion deposited No 44.

1,000 additional, extra size, will be sent as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

January 11, 1883

✓ If import and export statement for December has not been mailed state by mine exports and imports of gold and silver bullion respectively.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco

January 11, 1883.

✓ Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

a Bill of the Missouri Pacific Railway Co for the transportation in the month of January 1882 from St Louis to Hannibal Bluffs of one box of ingot machines, and one box of ingot plates, consigned to your care amounting to \$3.98 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mmit. for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

San Francisco.

January 11, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery, and Statistical expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending December 31st 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

San Francisco.

January 11, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd instant, transmitting a statement showing the number of dies received, used, destroyed and returned by your Mmit for 1882.

I have to invite your attention to the Instructions and Regulations, page 14, Sections 1, 2 and 3, which require, that the dies be destroyed in the presence of the Superintendent and Assayer who must jointly certify to the destruction; and also to letter of this office of October 26th 1880, which requires that the list of dies destroyed shall refer to the dies by their individual numbers.

Dies sent to your Mmit are charged to you by their numbers, and unless those destroyed or returned to Philadelphia are referred to in the same manner the record of dies cannot

not be complete.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

St. Louis.

January 11. 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending December 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 11. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assent and Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 11. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of James Copanford, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Eighteen

and $7\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars (\$26,015.70) on account of profits of Coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of that amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

A. R. Williams Esq.,

#713 7th St. City.

January 11, 1883.

Sir:

Your bill of the 5th instant for 2030 lbs coke purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$6.59, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram J. T. Goddard.

A. T. and S. L. R. R.

Topeka Kansas.

January 12, 1883.

Blankets called for by despatch of tenth inst mailed on eighth. If not received inst one.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

January 12, 1883.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One Hundred and nine cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Telegram. Supt. Mint

Philadelphia.

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Telegram, Supt. Minit.

January 12, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Dispatch received. State by wire export from San Francisco in December of domestic gold bullion and silver bullion respectively excluding coin.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Minit.

January 12, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

✓ I have received your letter of the 4th instant enclosing Certificate of Deposit No 542 for \$1460.90 refining earnings, and Certificate of Deposit No 543 for \$39.92 for melting and alloy charges collected during the month of December, 1882. As I have informed you previously these monthly certificates are checked by your monthly report of charges collected (form 83), and I have to request you to forward that statement each month at the same time that the Certificates of Deposit are forwarded. The monthly report of charges collected for the month of December has not been received, and it will be necessary to hold these Certificates until it reaches this office.

Hereafter, please see that the monthly report of charges is forwarded at the same time as the Certificates covering the charges into the Treasury.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Assayer in Charge

July 12, 1883.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

✓ I will thank you to forward your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ended December 31, 1882, as soon as may be convenient without interfering with the ordinary

Business of your Assay Office, and also the quarterly statement of earnings and expenditures for the Quarter ended December 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Similar letter sent to.

✓ Assayer in Charge.

Denver Col. ✓

✓ Helena, Mont.

✓ New Orleans, La.

✓ Supt. Mint

Arthur J. Sipp, Esq.

January 12, 1883.

Librarian University of Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis.

Sir;

✓ By request of the Hon. J. C. Carlisle, I send you by current mail a copy of my annual report for the fiscal year 1881, on pages 50 to 70 of which you will find the tabular statement you request.

I also send copies of my reports to the Library of the University. They contain tables of prices at other dates.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Ele. Lorman Esq.

January 12, 1883.

Eaton Indiana.

✓ Sir;

Your letter to the Treasury Department asking for a book or pamphlet stating the number of silver dollars coined each year since the U. S. Mint was established, has been referred to me.

I forward you a copy of the Quicksilver Report of 1880, in which you will find on pages 42 and 43, the coinage of silver, stated for that, and previous years.

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In 1881, there were \$27,637.95 silver dollars coined.
 In 1882 " " \$27,772.075 " " "

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director. ✓

Expt. Mint.

January 12, 1883

Colorado Springs, Col.

Sir;

Your letter to the Hon. Wm. Lawrence, Trust Commissioner of the Treasurer, has been referred by him to me, with the request that I will give you the desired information.

The enclosed circular stating the rate at which mutilated coins are received and purchased at the Mints in sums of \$3.00 and upwards, contains the desired information. ✓

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director. ✓

Joseph Munn Jr Esq.

January 12, 1883.

Chief of Bureau of Statistics
 Treasury Department.

Sir;

Please cause to be furnished for the use of this office one copy of the Summary statement of the Imports and Exports of the United States for the month of June, 1882. ✓

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director. ✓

Expt. Mint.

January 12, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

C. I. No. 279 for \$120.38 being on account of charges for melting and alloy enclosed in your commu-

communication of the 9th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 12, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

C. I. No 280 for \$2364 being on account of charges collected for Parting and refining bullion enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & refining bullion.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 12, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

C. I. No 281 for \$33 being on account of assays of ores, enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

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Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

January 12, 1883.

Sir;

For your information, I transmit herewith copy of a letter received at this office from John A. Taylor, from whom the crucibles for which you make requisition have been ordered. You will notice that Mr Taylor guarantees the No. 150 crucible, which is the size required to melt 8000 ounces silver, to run from 8 to 16 melts, but charges for the same 4¢ per number, making cost thereof about \$6.- each.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

January 12, 1883.

Sir;

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special Assay Coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of December 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York City.

January 12, 1883.

Sir;

I will thank you to furnish me a statement showing the amounts of gold and silver respectively in bars melted by you which have probably been used in the arts and manufactures during the calendar year 1882, similar to Table XXV, page 52 of my last annual report, and in addition the several amounts which have probably been exported.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York City.

January 12, 1883.

Sir,

Mr Platt has written to the Secretary of the Treasury, complaining that the law authorizing the exchange of gold bars for gold coin seriously and unjustly affects that portion of his business, which consists in supplying manufacturers with fine bars suited for their special purposes.

He does not object to the Government furnishing in exchange for coin, gold bars for export, which was the main object in passing the law, to confine it to which the \$5,000. limit was inserted; but he states that the manufacturers having obtained in exchange for gold coin, bars above the limit can and immediately do deposit the bars for commision into small bars suited for their purposes, paying only at a rate far below the expense to the Government.

Having upon reference to this letter to me informed the Secretary that the proper relief for obviating without legislation, Mr Platt's objections to the operation of this law, would be to revise the bar charge, he has written requesting me to make such revision.

Before doing so, I desire you to consult the Melters and Refiners of the New York Assay Office, and advise me what would be the actual average cost to the Government, at the New York Assay Office, including material, labor, wastage, and use of machinery, in converting into small fine gold bars single deposits of gold bars of \$5,000. value and not required to be parted or refined.

It has seemed to me that for converting fine gold bars into smaller bars suited for the purposes of manufacturers, besides a melting charge, a bar charge could properly be imposed of one-quarter of one per cent. upon the value, which has been for several years about the market rate for such bars according to your daily quotations.

I submit for your consideration an amendment to the bar charge by inserting in the schedule under

"Bars of" in place of the description the following.
 For gold bars of less than five thousand dollars value,
 per one hundred dollars, twenty-five cents.

Letts. for five thousand dollars value and over, per
 one hundred dollars, five cents

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

January 12, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I return herewith your account against the War Department for marksmanship medals, with the request that you will pay the amount of the express charges \$1.25 and include the same in the bill. In future when forwarding medals of this character, you will please in all cases, pay the express charges and charge the same in your account.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint

January 12, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir:

You will please forward to this office at the close of each month, a detailed statement of gold bars exchanged for gold coin at your Mint.

This statement should give the date, number of each bar, gross weight, fineness and value.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

January 12, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir;

I transmit herewith the assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of December 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Enclosed herewith find draft on Assistant Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia for \$5.88 for which, I will thank you to transmit to this office two (2) silver proof sets of 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Major G. W. Powell.

January 12, 1883.

Director of the Geological Survey.
Department of the Interior.

Sir;

I send you to day by mail as requested in your letter of the 11th inst. two copies of my annual Report of for 1882.

You need not return the Report on "production for 1880."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 12, 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the Assay Office at New York N. Y. of the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Two $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars.

(\$4,162.39) in gold coin, and Forty-three $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars (\$43.57) in silver coin, making a total of Four Thousand Two Hundred and Two $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars (\$4,205.96) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 101 dated Jan'y. 8th 1883 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully.

Norvalis C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 12, 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Helena, Montana to that of the Assay Office at New York, N. Y. of the sum of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirteen $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars (\$11,713.23) in Gold Coin, and Seventy-five $\frac{90}{100}$ Dollars (\$75.90) in silver Coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars (\$11,789.13) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena Mont. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 59, dated Jan'y 5th 1883, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully.

Norvalis C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 12, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Helena Montana to that of the Assay Office at New York, of the sum of Twenty-five Thousand and Six Hundred and Seventy-one Dollars (\$25,671.) in Gold Coin and Four Hundred and Ninety-three ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$493.88) in Silver Coin making a total of Twenty-six Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-four ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$26,164.88) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 4517, dated Dec. 29 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 12, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Helena Mont. to that of the Assay Office at New York N.Y. of the sum of Forty Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven ⁶¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$40,847.61) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Forty-seven ⁶⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$347.66) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety-five ²⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$41,195.27) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena Montana, for coinage as shown by Memoranda No 4524 and 4535 dated Dec 30, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

1st Mr Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir;

January 12, 1883.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Helena Mont. to that of the Assay Office at New York N. Y. of the sum of Twenty Three and Two Hundred and Thirty-three ^{18 20.533.88} $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars in gold coin, and Two Hundred and Thirty-nine ^{18 239.34} $\frac{34}{100}$ Dollars in Silver coin, making a total of Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-three ^{18 20.773.42} $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars (\$ 20.773.42) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena Mont. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 4478, dated Dec 26, 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

1st Mr Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir;

January 12, 1883.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Helena Mont. to that of the Assay Office at New York N. Y. of the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-eight ^{18 20.878.51} $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Forty-seven ^{18 247.36} $\frac{36}{100}$ Dollars in Silver Coin making a total of Twenty-one Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-five ^{18 21.125.87} $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars (\$ 21.125.87) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena Mont. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 18 dated Jan'y. 3, 1883 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 12, 1883.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- ✓ 200 Assayers returns of Bullion transactions.
- 500 Silver Bullion purchase sheets.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

St. Louis, Mo.

January 12, 1883.

Sir;

✓ I will thank you to forward your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ended December 31, 1882, as soon as may be convenient, without interfering with the ordinary business of your Assay Office, and also the Quarterly Statement of earnings and expenditures for the Quarter ended Dec. 31, 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

John A. Taylor.Cor 19th & Callowhill Sts.

Philadelphia, Pa.

January 12, 1883.

Sir;

✓ In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. asking shipping directions for crucibles for the New Orleans Mint, I have to request that you ship the same by rail, as fast freight, as early as practicable.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Boisi City

January 16. 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th instant, transmitting
classified Statements of deposits and purchases for December
1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter sent to.

Assayer in Charge

Supt. Mint.

Assay Office Helena.New Orleans, La.H. W. Armstrong Esq.

Commissioner, Railroads.

Washington D.C.

January 15. 1883.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office two copies of
your last annual report.

Very respectfully.

Director.

R. M. Reynolds Esq.

First Auditor

Treasury Department.

January 15. 1883.

Sir:

I respectfully request that you will return to this office
the ordinary expense account and vouchers of the Super-
intendent of the Mint at San Francisco, for the month of
November 1882, forwarded to you on the 14th ultimo.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Just Auditor

Treasury Department

January 15. 1883.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending December 31. 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Boise City.

January 15. 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31st 1882

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Boise City.

January 15. 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, requesting blanks, I have to say that 50 transcripts of account current were mailed you on the 13th inst. and the Treasurer has been requested to furnish you with the Statements of the condition of the Bullion Fund asked for.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.
Bowie City.

January 15, 1883.

Sir:

I return herewith statement of silver bullion forwarded by you per Nells Fargo & Co's Express to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco on the 14th inst. with the request that you will return a statement of the same on form 131, a supply of which has heretofore been sent you and in future you will send statements of shipment on this form.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Gen. S. J. Benet.

January 15, 1882.

Chief of Ordnance.

War Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith eight (8) gold second class prize Army Division marksmanship medals and two (2) prize army marksmanship medals.

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that he has forwarded by your direction, a medal of the second ^{class} prize army division marksmanship to Lieut. General Sheridan, making (9) medals of that class as ordered by your letter of May 23rd last. I enclose herewith the bill for the medals, cases, mounting the same and for expressage from Philadelphia, amounting to the sum of \$463.- for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted A London Exchequer, Lt. of the Mint U. S. at Philadelphia. I thank you also to acknowledge the receipt of the medals to this office.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

N. C. Barnett, Esq.

January 16, 1883.

Secretary of State

Atlanta, Ga.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a Statement showing the assessed valuation of real and personal property in 1880 for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my Special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881, to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicks.

P. J. Bonebrake, Esq.

January 15, 1883.

Auditor of State

Topeka, Kansas.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Third Biennial Report of the Auditor of State for 1882, for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail copy of my Special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881, to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicks.

Capt. Minit.

January 15, 1883.

Casson City.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 4th inst. transmitting classified Statements of deposits, purchases and coinage during December, 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.
Cassm City.

January 15, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting certified statement of the destruction of dies of the year 1882 at your Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

January 15, 1883.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts Abstracts and vouchers for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

W. G. Claun, Esq.

January 15, 1883.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant forwarding copy of the Annual Report of Virginia for the years 1880 and 1881 for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

James Giffellan Esq.
Treasurer of the United States.

January 15. 1883.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward 100 Statements of the condition of the Bullion Fund to the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quincy.

George W. Naud, Esq.
Territorial Secretary.
Yankton, Dakota.

January 15. 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting a copy of the Governor's Message for 1883, for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my Special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quincy.

J. A. T. Hull, Esq.
Secretary of State, Des Moines, Iowa.

January 15. 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting a copy of the Biennial Report of the State Auditor for the period ending Sept. 30. 1881. for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my Special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quincy.

Thomas Jordan, Esq.
61 Broadway,
New York.

January 15, 1883.

Sir:

The information desired in your letter of the 11th instant is found in the circulars of the Treasury Department relating to the purchase of silver bullion for coinage into standard dollars, copies of which I have mailed you.

All the purchases for the silver coinage during the last fiscal year amounting, (including the silver parted from gold,) as stated in my report, to 23 627.229.37 Standard ounces, were paid for in silver coin at the mints or by drafts on the Assistant Treasurer at New York or San Francisco, payable in standard dollars.

In payment of these drafts, the holders doubtless prepared and the Assistant Treasurers probably issued silver certificates, in lieu of actual payment in silver dollars, that could be immediately deposited for the certificates.

Your supposition is therefore correct that the payments for silver purchased during the fiscal year 1882, amounting to \$24,136,942.20 were made in standard silver dollars, excepting as much as was paid in subsidiary silver coin in making change. The mint accounts forwarded to me report purchases of silver bullion to have been paid for in silver dollars.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

January 15, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst. transmitting Statement of Gold and Silver bullion operated upon by the Melters and Refiners, during December, 1882.

Very respectfully

Noratio C. Burchard. Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York City.

January 15, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. transmitting book of Register of deposits for the quarter ended December 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.
New York City

January 15, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst in relation to an error of \$45.00 in the Bullion accounts of your office for the Quarter ended September 30, 1882, and also have received by express to day, the Bullion accounts themselves which were returned for correction.

As neither the fine weight, nor the standard weight of the bars covered by the transfer order referred to in your letter, was calculated on the statement enclosed in your communication, it will be necessary for me to verify the number of standard ounces contained in the shipment before completing the examination of your accounts.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

January 15, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending Dec. 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

John T. Oglesby, Esq.
Auditor of State.
Columbus, O.

January 16. 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Journal of the Board of Equalization for 1880, and also copies of the Auditors Report for 1880 and 1881 for which please accept my thanks. I forward by current mail copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

January 16. 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to Abstract Clerks deposit sheets, I have to say that 1250 for gold deposits were sent you on the 4th inst and you was so informed by letter. If any others have been received they were misdirected, and I will thank you to inform me.

It frequently occurs when requests are received for blanks of general utility, our requisitions upon the public printer are not made to embrace a supply for all the mints and assay offices to avoid expense and trouble, and, as our storage room is limited, they are usually sent out as soon as received in quantities proportioned to the supposed requirements of each institution. If more than you need have been sent you, and your storage room also is limited, I will endeavor to redistribute such as you cannot retain.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

January 15, 1883.

Upon opening package it is found that only eight second class army marksmanship ^{medals} were forwarded by you, while your account calls for nine, and order is for the latter number. See letter of May thirty-first last.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

January 15, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit you by express to-day a package paid to contain \$41.45 in mutilated silver coins which you will please purchase at the rate you are authorized to pay for such coin as falling, and transmit a draft to this office in favor of J. R. Innes for the amount.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Parker Nandy, Esq.

14 Nassau Street

New York.

January 15, 1883.

Sir:

I enclose you, as requested in your letter of the 13th inst., a copy of Mr. Lish's bill for the discontinuance of the coinage of the standard silver dollar. Its passage is considered doubtful, although it is not known how a majority of the members of Congress would vote at the present time.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard. ✓

Director.

Gen L. M. Purdy.

January 16. 1883.

Territorial Auditor.

Yankton, Dakota.

Sir:

I have to request that you will please furnish me with a copy of the Report of the Territorial Auditor for the year 1880 showing the assessed valuation of real and personal property in Dakota when received from the printer.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

January 15. 1883.

St. Louis.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending Dec. 31. 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 15. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received per registered mail the stockholders report of your Mint, for the 6 months ending December 31. 1882, as per advice contained in your letter of the 6th instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmt.

January 15. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 8th inst in relation to the disallowance of voucher No 211 of your ordinary expense account for the month of November 1882.

✓ In view of the fact stated in your communication, I have secured the return of the account to this office from the 1st Auditor's office, and I herewith return the voucher referred to, the abstract of disbursements, and the account current for correction as indicated in your letter.

Please return the corrected one to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmt.

January 15. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for your signature, the Melters and Refiner and Coiners statements of Bullion balance in their hands and receipts and deliveries to the Superintendent during the month of December, 1882.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmt.

January 15. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting offices of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending Dec 31. 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Ernst G. Lemmie, Esq.
 Secretary of State.
 Madison Wis.

January 15. 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. transmitting copy of the Annual Report of the Secretary of State for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1880, 1881, and 1882 for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my special report on Productions for the years 1880 and 1881, to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Wm R. B. Vance.

January 15. 1883.

House of Representatives

Sir;

I have received, and return the letter of J. N. Lanning referred by you to me for information, and in compliance with your request I enclose to you a circular giving the price at which mutilated coins of the United States will be received, and paid for at the mints. Mexican coins are also purchased as silver bullion at the mints by weight, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, but are liable to a melting charge, which is not imposed on United States coins.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

E. W. Wolfe, Esq.

January 15. 1883.

Auditor of State

Indianapolis Ind.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the

Report of the Auditor of State for the year 1882, for which please accept my thanks. I forward by current mail copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881, to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy.

Assayer in Charge.

January 16, 1883.

Bowie City.

Sir:

I return herewith your requisition for funds for the current month, enclosed in your communication of the 5th inst. as the same does not bear your signature.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy.

Assayer in Charge.

January 16, 1883.

Bowie City.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 6th inst. stating that no letter had ever been received at your office, authorizing you under date of February 7, 1882 to purchase silver bullion at the rate of \$1.00 per standard ounce, and forward the same to the mint for coinage on Government account;

I have to inform you that no authority was given to purchase silver bullion at the assay office, except so much of the silver bullion deposited for unparted bars as might be cut from the bar for assay.

It had been prior to that date, as it is now the practice, to retain the chip taken for assay and pay the depositor its value in silver coin; but no authority had been given or approved by the Secretary.

I deemed it desirable that such authority should be

formally given, and should appear upon our records, but considered it unnecessary to notify you at the time, because it made no change in your transactions with depositors.

The circular lately sent you contained the exact phraseology of this additional Regulation, and as you will see gives me general authority for the purchase of silver bullion on Government account.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

J. M. Carmichael, Esq.
State Auditor.

January 16, 1883.

Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Report of the State Auditor for the years 1880 and 1881, for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.
Carson City.

January 16, 1883.

Sir:

C. I. No 542 for \$1460.98, being on account of paying & refining charges for December, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for paying & refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard. Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 16, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

C. I. No. 543 for \$32.92 being an account of melting and alloy charges for December, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 4th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quclor.

Supt. Mint.

January 16, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Assayer's account book with Mallet and Refiner.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quclor.

Supt. Mint.

January 16, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

The coins received at your mint during the month of December 1882, and forwarded to this office for special assay have been received.

1 Double Eagle	\$ 20.
1 Half "	5.
3 S. Silver Dollars	3.
Total value	28

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard. Quclor.

John L. Cranford, Esq.
Secretary of State.
Tallahassee, Fla.

January 16, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Report of the Comptroller for the year 1881. for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Houghton Mifflin & Co.
Cambridge, Mass.

January 16, 1883.

Gents:

Your bill of the 10th inst. for One official Postal Guide purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$1.05 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officer of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Allen Jamel, Esq.
State Auditor, New Orleans.

January 16, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Biennial Report of the Auditor of Public Accounts for 1882 for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard.

Charles Salmer Esq.

January 16. 1883.

349 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir;

Your letter of the 9th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed relative to the proportions etc. of the new 5-cent piece, has been referred to this Bureau.

The alloy remains the same, 75 per cent of copper and 25 per cent of nickel. The weight is unchanged, 5 grammes. The diameter is increased from 20 to 21 millimetres.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Jacob Numman Esq.

January 16. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have your letter of the 11th of January, enclosing a memorandum of gold bullion No 134, deposited on the 28th of Dec. last by James Tuller, being English sovereigns, and reported to assay 915 fine.

As at present advised I can see no reason why the fineness of the British sovereigns deposited, should fall so much below the standard, and I have written to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans for an explanation.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 16. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I return herewith for your signature, the Melter and Refiner and Coiner statements of bullion balances in their hands, and receipts and deliveries to and from the Superintendent during the month of Dec. 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 16. 1883

New Orleans.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made for the "Coin's Receipts for silver Ingots" requested in your letter of the 13th inst. and the same will be mailed to you as soon as received.

If any other blanks are needed at your institution during the six months ending June 30. 1883, I will thank you to send a list, with samples of each, to avoid a multiplicity of requisitions.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver

Supt. Mint.

January 16. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received from Mr Jacob Newman of New Orleans, a letter, copy of which I forward.

The memorandum No 134 shows that a deposit consisting of English sovereigns was reported to assay only 915th in fineness.

As all tests of English sovereigns made at the Mints of this country and at the annual trial of the coinage at the British Mint, and the report of the fineness of sovereigns deposited and melted up at the other Mints and at the New York Assay Office, show that these coins fall but little below, and peculiarly average the British standard. I will thank you to make inquiry and ascertain if possible, from the Assayer and his books whether the fineness was correctly reported; and if so please explain why in this case these coins were so much below the British standard.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mmt.

January 16, 1883

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$800. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Packing and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director.

Supt. Mmt.

January 16, 1883

Philadelphia.

Sir:

C.T. No 5665 for \$1493.16 being on account of packing and refining charges for December 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 19th inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be entered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "packing and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director.

Supt. Mmt.

January 16, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

C.T. No 5666 for \$303.14 being on account of charges for melting and alloy enclosed in your communication of the 13th inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be entered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Buichard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 16, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

C.S. No 5667 for \$100,000 being on account of Minor Coinage profits, enclosed in your communication of the 13th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your fulling accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

N. P. Roberts Esq.

January 16, 1883.

Auditor of State.

Raleigh N.C.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Annual Report of the Auditor of State for the year 1881, for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881, to your address.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 16, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

C.S. No 560 for \$79.02 being on account of melting charges enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your fulling accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 16, 1883.

Sir:

C.D. No. 561 for \$187.54 being on account of alloy charges enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 16, 1883.

Sir:

C.D. No. 562 for \$16,015.85 being on account of refinery earnings enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Packing and refining bullion".

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

St. Louis, Mo.

January 16, 1883.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 11, 1882 in regard to the loss on gold bullion shipped by you to the U.S. Mint at New Orleans on the 23rd of November last and asking for instructions as to what steps should be taken to adjust the difference, I have to state, that if the amount in your profit and loss account from charge collected is

sufficient you will reimburse the bullion fund for the difference \$61.81 from that account. If the balance in the profit and loss account is not now sufficient to pay the same, you will retain all charges accruing to your office until they amount to a sum sufficient to do so.

This is the only manner in which the loss on this bullion can be reimbursed to the bullion fund without passing the appropriation for your office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Wm Charles J. Folger

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that it will be necessary to procure from Congress an appropriation of fifteen dollars (\$15) to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for contingent expenses of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia, Pa for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

I will add for your information that this sum is required to pay a bill of the Philadelphia Sun and Steam for advertising proposals for 1st blanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

W. S. Thompson, Esq.

Cor 15th & Pa Ave.

Sir:

Your bill of the first instant for chemicals purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this Bureau amounting to \$27.97 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will

probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

John Wallicks Esq.

Auditor Public Accounts.

Lincoln, Neb.

January 16, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Biennial Report of the Auditor of Public Accounts for 1880 and 1882, for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881, to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

John C. Abbott Esq.

Auditor of State

Denver Col.

January 17, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th instant forwarding a copy of the Report of the State Auditor for the years 1880 and 1882 for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Trust Auditor

Treasury Department.

January 17, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Pulliam Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at

New York for the Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Treasury Auditor.

January 17, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expenses account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending Dec 31, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

January 17, 1883.

New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

January 17, 1883.

New Orleans.

Pope Cole & Co charge in their account only for twenty thousand pounds of copper.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 17, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting offices of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending December 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director

Supt. Mint.

January 17, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to request that in future you will render your statement of silver purchases in lots of less than 10,000 ounces on the 15th and last day of each month, and on the latter you will please state the amount of silver parted from gold deposits during the month.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

P. de P. Ricketts, Esq.

January 17, 1883.

New York City.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. and will submit your name among others for consideration, when the assay Commissioners are to be selected and appointed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

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Asst. Mint.

January 17, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of December 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

J. R. Inead, Esq.

January 17, 1883.

Assistant Postmaster

U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I transmit herewith check for \$29.48 the proceeds of package of mutilated coins forwarded with your letter of the 15th inst. less \$2.90 in mutilated 5¢ nickel coins which there is no authority for the Mint to redeem or purchase and the same are held subject to further instructions from you.

I enclose for your information copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank.

January 18, 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram.

Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company January 18, 1883.
Denver, Col.
 Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred and nine
 and eighty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Confirmed. Quictor.

Telegram Nandy & Cronie January 18, 1883.
24 Nassau Street.
New York.
 Your offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans accepted.
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Confirmed. Quictor.

Telegram Daniel Meyer. January 18, 1883.
San Francisco Cal.
 Your offer of sixteen thousand ounces at one hundred and
 nine cents per ounce accepted other declined.
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Confirmed. Quictor.

Telegram Supt. Mint. January 18, 1883.
New Orleans, La.
 Received from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty
 thousand ounces at one hundred and nine and eighty-two
 hundredths cents per ounce fine, and from Nandy & Cronie
 one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred nine and
 eight-four hundredths cents per ounce fine.
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Confirmed. Quictor.

Telegram Supt. Mint. January 18, 1883.
Philadelphia Pa.
 Please mail to day statement number one ninety-three
 for December.
 Confirmed. Horatio C. Burchard. Quictor.

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Supt. Minit.

January 18. 1883.

San Francisco Cal.

✓ Mr Washburn desires extension of leave of absence to march first. If allowed by ^{you} I will not object.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.

January 18. 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Receive from Anglo Californian Bank one hundred and twenty five thousand ounces at one hundred and nine and one quarter cents per ounce fine, from Nevada

✓ Bank one hundred and seventeen thousand ounces and from Samuel Meyer sixteen thousand ounces both at one hundred and nine cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Treasury Auditor.

January 18. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City for the month ending Dec. 31st 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in charge

January 18. 1883.

Boise City.

Sir:

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the

month ending December 31, 1882 with my approval.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Cassier in Charge.

Bowei City.

January 18, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

20 Reports of Furniture and Fixtures as requested in your letter of the 9th inst.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon J. F. Briggs.

House of Representatives

Washington D. C.

January 18, 1883.

Sir:

I have your inquiry of yesterday, asking when and where you can procure a specimen of the new five cent nickel, the issue of which (as you incorrectly say) was recently authorized by Congress.

Coins are now being prepared, upon which will be struck the five cent nickel coins hereafter coined as authorized by the Director of the Mint, and approved by the Secretary. The coins will be issued, and in a few days can be procured at the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 18. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the Bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of 200,000 standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 18. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

C. I. No 27810 for \$ 26,015.71 being an account of silver profits enclosed in your communication of the — has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be credited into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

January 18. 1883.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts Abstracts and vouchers for the Quarter ending December 31. 1882

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Charles L. Davis, Esq.
Muskegon, Mich.

January 18, 1883.

Sir:

I have been requested by Mr. George W. Weber, to give you the information requested by your letter of the 22nd ult. in which you ask whether there is any import duty or tax bullion coming into the country from Mexico for treatment or reduction &c.

I am informed at the Customs Service, that the dutiable character of gold or silver bullion containing lead or bars of lead containing silver or gold, is determined by the respective values of the metals contained; being dutiable if the value of lead exceeds that of gold or silver, otherwise free.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Hon. R. L. Gibson,
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 18, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th ult. recommending Mr. Leonard for appointment in the assay department of the New Orleans Mint.

Your former letter to which you refer, enclosing a letter from Mrs. Fortin, was duly received.

That lady was appointed as "comptroller" in the New Orleans Mint on the 11th ult.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

A. C. Gilbert Esq;

38 Pine Street.

New York City.

January 18, 1883.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th inst. relating to your financial reports of the stock market.

As I have no interest, and will have no occasion to make investments in stocks, the reports would probably be of little practicable value.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

✓ Hon John A. Logan.

U. S. Senate Washington.

January 18, 1883.

Sir:

Please send to my address here, for the use of my office, a set of the Congressional Record for the last Session of Congress, in continuation of sets for former Congresses which you have kindly furnished me.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia;

January 18, 1883.

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Nancy & Cronin

100,000 ounces at \$1.0284

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Pope Cole & Co.

57 S. Gay St. Baltimore.

January 18. 1883

Gentlemen;

Your bill of the 23rd ultimo for 20,000 lbs Ingot copper @ 17³/₄ per lb. purchased for the use of the Mint at New Orleans, amounting to \$3550. - has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 18. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nevada, be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.San Francisco.

January 18. 1883.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting classified statements of deposits and purchases, during December 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

January 18, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ I have received your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting Statement of Coin's gold and silver workings for the month of November 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.

January 18, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ I have received your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting Statement of the movement of gold and silver bullion and coin at the Port of San Francisco, during December 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.

January 18, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ I have received your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting Statement of imports of gold and silver at the Port of San Francisco, for the calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.

January 18, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz: 2 Books Silver Bullion Register M & K's Dept. No 176.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard Director.

Assayer in Charge.

January 19, 1883.

Boise City.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 10th inst. enclosing a report in detail of the Assays of ores and bullion at your institution during the Quarter ended Dec 31, 1882. These reports should always be accompanied by the Certificate of Deposit covering the amount into the Treasury as their principal value to this office is in checking the Deposits into the Treasury.

Please deposit the amount called for by the statement referred to and forward the Certificate to this office; and hereafter see that the Certificate and report are forwarded at the same time.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buechard.

Quicker.

Assayer in Charge.

January 19, 1883.

Boise City Idaho.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officer of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Central Pacific Railway, for the transportation in the month of July 1882 from San Francisco to Kilton of one ton of ore consigned to your care, amounting to \$2.74 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your institution for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buechard.

Quicker.

Supt. Mint.

January 19. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. transmitting reports of the Census gold and silver workings, for Dec 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

January 19. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I received your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to the practice at your Mint of imposing charges on the weight of Bullion before melting, and enclosing 2 assayer's reports to show that such practice is authorized by this office.

In reply I have to state, that there is no evidence that the blanks you transmit were furnished you from this office. If they were, they were simply duplicates of forms sent by you to be printed here.

By reference to the records of this office, I find that on the 25th August 1880, you were furnished from this office with 500 assayer's reports upon "Silver deposit," and on Sept. 11th of the same year, with 1000 assayer's reports on "Silver purchased," and 2000 on "Gold deposits."

The forms sent you on the dates referred to, were the forms which were prepared for use in all of the mints, and differ essentially from those which you enclose in your letter. But, it would appear as if you have not used them.

By reference to Section 3521 of the Revised Statutes taken in connection with Section 3506, you will see that the law intended that the charges should be imposed upon the weight of the deposit after melting and deduction.

But the Regulations of 1881 are still more explicit on the subject, and should have been your guide.

Section 9, page 8, provides that the weight after melting and deduction, shall be the weight transcribed upon the Assayer report by the weigh clerk, and Section 11, of the same page, provides that the charges shall be computed, "from the weight of the bullion, after melting and deduction."

You will therefore please conform your practice hereafter to the Regulations; and if you have any doubt at any time as to whether the Regulations or any new Instructions which are furnished you, differ from the practice at your institution, I will thank you to write for information in regard thereto.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinton

Supt. Mint.

January 19, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th inst. and statement (form 66) enclosed, showing the amount of gold and silver bullion received, and its weight after melting, for the month of December 1882; You are informed that hereafter you need not prepare or send such statement.

The information it contains, except the percent of loss, is found in the footings of the monthly business entered in the Register of deposits; and by ruling the percent of loss below the total amount of loss, a separate statement can be dispensed with.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinton

Thomas Jordan Esq.

January 19. 1883.

Editor "Mining Record"

#61 Broadway. New York.

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 16th inst I would state that the number of standard ounces of silver purchased for the coinage of silver dollars, including \$6568.13 ounces of pattings, from July 1. to December 31 1882, was 13.408.640.94 costing \$13.644.370.13

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Quicksilver.

Thomas Jordan Esq.

January 19. 1883.

Editor "Mining Record"

#61 Broadway New York.

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 11th inst. I transmit herewith statement showing by months the amount of standard silver dollars paid out at the coinage mints during the calendar year 1882, on Treasury transfer orders and letters and in payment of silver purchases

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burdard.

Quicksilver.

Statement by months showing amount of standard silver dollars paid out at the Coinage Mints during the calendar year 1882, on Treasury Transfer Orders and letters and on payments of silver purchases.

January \$563.729

July \$949.525

February 580.076

August 1.489.212

March 804.528

September 2.299.717

April 692.105

October 3.578.481

May 751.863

November 3.715.954

June 935.587

December 4.357.178

Total

\$20.717.955

Supt. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

January 19, 1883.

Sir,

I have examined your statement of Comings and Expenses for the Quarter ended September 30, 1882, and found it correct.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

January 19, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting a Certificate of the destruction of dies of the calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

January 19, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

Enclosed I forward for your information, copy of my report to the Secretary of the Treasury, of my investigation of the charges preferred by Mr. S. R. Stewart against Joseph Albrecht, Assayer of the New Orleans Mint and of the conclusions of the Secretary of the Treasury upon consideration of the same.

You will notice the disapproval of Dr. Albrecht's receiving coal from the Mint supply, and you will require ^{him} to pay for its value.

I doubt the propriety of furnishing fuel or gas at the expense of the Government for the private use of the officers of the Mint, even in the building; and would be glad to have you examine the records of your Mint and ascertain and report to me whether they show any authority or deviation from former Quicksilver of the Mint, or

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Secretaries of the Treasury for each practice.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver

Supt. Mint.

January 19, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

The special assay coins taken from delivery number one of the November coinage at your Mint, and forwarded to this office in compliance with my request of the 11th inst. have been received viz:

15 Eagles

\$150.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver

Assayer in charge.

January 19, 1883.

St Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ended Dec. 31, 1882 and find it correct.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver

Assayer in charge.

January 19, 1883.

St Louis, Mo.

Sir:

C. I. No 5240 for \$5.39 being an account of charges for Melling, Assaying and stamping enclosed in your communication of the 12th instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be entered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully. Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver

Assayer in charge.
St. Louis Mo.

January 19, 1883.

Sir;

C. I. No 5241 for \$ 15. being an account of Assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 12th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your account; and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

January 19, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to my telegram of the 18th inst. relative to extension of leave of absence to Mr Washburn to March 1st, I would state that the matter of granting an extension of his leave of absence as desired is left with you, and I shall be satisfied with whatever action you may deem proper. If, however, an extension is granted him, it will of course, under the regulations, be without pay, unless a physicians certificate of disability is presented to you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

January 19, 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Union Pacific Railway for the transportation, in the month of August 1882, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, of 1423 cases of spelter consigned to your care, amounting

to \$687.55 payable from the appropriation for painting and repairing bullion.

Also a Bill of the Central Pacific Railway, for the transportation in the month of July 1882 from Ogden to San Francisco, of 20 casks of copper consigned to your care amounting to \$169.40 payable from the appropriation for coinage of the standard silver dollar (Act Feb'y. 28. 1878).

Also a Bill of the Union Pacific Railway Co for the transportation from Council Bluffs to Ogden in the month of July 1882. of 20 casks of copper consigned to your care amounting to \$179.82 payable from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar Act. Feb. 28. 1878.

Also a Bill of the Union Pacific Railway Co for the transportation in the month of June 1882 of 3 casks and 3 bales of stationery from Council Bluffs to Ogden consigned to your care amounting to \$29.14 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Unit for the fiscal year ended June 30 1882.

Also a Bill of the Central Pacific Railway for the transportation in the month of June 1882. of the same stationery from Ogden to San Francisco, amounting to \$25.02 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Unit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon W. M. Springer.

January 19. 1883.

House of Representatives

Sir;

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon the samples of ore sent to this office for assay on the 16th inst.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 19, 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa. of the sum of, One Thousand and Seventy-one ⁶⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 1,071.64) in gold coin and Two ²⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 5.20) in silver coin, making a total of One Thousand and Seventy-six ⁸⁴/₁₀₀ (\$ 1,076.84) being the net value of bullion heretofore furnished by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by memorandum No 102 dated Jan. 15, 1883, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Clerk.

Hon Chas J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 19, 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter, addressed to me by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont in relation to the appropriation for the support of that institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884.

I have the honor to state for your information that in the estimates for the next fiscal year, I reduced the estimate for contingent expenses of that institution from \$10,000 the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year, to \$8,000, for the reason that it then appeared that the latter amount would be sufficient. Owing to the change in the regulations in regard to the expense of transporting bullion from the Assay Office to the Mint for coinage, it is probable that the business of this institution will be largely increased, and that the present force will as stated by the Assayer be found insufficient.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that the estimate for the appropriation for wages of workmen at that institution for the fiscal year 1884 be increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000 which will make the appropriation for the Helena Assay Office for the fiscal year 1884 the same in the aggregate as for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quadr.

Hon R. W. Townsend.

January 19, 1883.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the assayers report upon the sample of ore sent to this office for assay on the 10th inst.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quadr.

Supt. Mint.

January 20, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

From and after the 1st of February next in addition to the coins for special assay required by paragraph 9 on page 11 (Regulations of 1881) to be taken by you from the first delivery by the Comer in each week, you will seal up and forward in the same manner without selection or pre-weighing, similar coins from one subsequent delivery in each week, so that in deliveries of each week may be tested at the ^{assay} laboratory of my office, instead of one as heretofore.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quadr.

Similar letter sent to:

Supt Mint New Orleans.
" " San Francisco. ✓

Supt. Mint. Philadelphia

Publisher Arizona Citizen.
Tucson, Arizona.

January 20. 1883.

Sir;

I mit thank you to forward to this office a copy of the weekly "Arizona Citizen" for one year from receipt hereof. transmitting your account in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

The Proprietors of the Bulletin.
West Sullivan Maine.

January 20. 1883

Gentlemen;

I forward herewith Treasury draft No. B. 198.56 drawn in your favor for the sum of ten dollars, in payment of your bill of September 19. 1882. for two years subscription to the Bulletin.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Just Auditor.
Treasury Department.

January 20. 1883.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bulletin accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St Louis for the Quarter ending December 31. 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

✓ Prof. Spencer L. Baird.

January 20. 1883.

Secretary, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington City. D.C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst. relating to documents to be forwarded to certain parties in Sydney. N.S.W. as stated in my letter of the 9th instant. I am informed that the said documents were forwarded by the Secretary of the Treasury together with three other packages, to your Institution, and the receipt of which was acknowledged.

Very respectfully,

Nathaniel C. Burchard.
Director

✓ Supt. Mint.

January 20. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th instant, transmitting the Engineer's Log for December 1882.

In reference to this report, I have decided that in future it need not be sent here, but may be filed in the Office of the Superintendent.

Very respectfully,

Nathaniel C. Burchard.

Director

✓ Supt. Mint.

January 20. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special Assay Coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of December 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Nathaniel C. Burchard. Director.

Supt. Mmt.

January 20, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses, duplicate receipted bill of John A. Taylor, amounting to \$390. - for crucibles and covers shipped your Mmt on the 19th inst. Upon receipt of the goods you will please transmit a draft for the amount to Mr Taylor.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mmt.

January 20, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Your letter of the 18th instant transmitting statement on form 193, for silver bullion purchased and coined for the months of August, September, October, November and December 1882, amended in accordance with instructions from this office, has been received, also statement on the same form for the months of September, October, November and December, of uncurrent silver coin received for seignage.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Assayer in charge.

January 20, 1883.

St Louis Mo.

Sir;

C.T. No 5242 for \$48.74 being on account of balance of transportation account enclosed in your communication of the 12th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, pursuant credit to be given you in your bullion account, and the amount to be entered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor

Assayer in Charge
St Louis.

January 20. 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting
✓ officer of the Department for examination and settlement
your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending December 31,
1882 with my approval.

Horatio C. Buschard.

Quicksilver.

John A. Taylor Esq.
Cor 19th & Callowhill Sts.
Philadelphia.

January 20. 1883.

Sir;

I have this day transmitted your account for curcibles
and errors, shipped the New Orleans Mint, amounting
to \$391. to the Superintendent of that institution, with
instructions to transmit a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buschard.

Quicksilver.

Calvin J. Cowles.
Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte.

January 22. 1883.

Sir;

✓ I enclose herewith an abstract of 46 deposits of gold bull-
ion taken from the abstract sheets accompanying your
Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended December 31. 1882, the
net value of each of which differs from the amount which
seems to have been due the depositors.

You will notice that the deposits embraced in this
abstract contain errors in calculating the silver con-
tained as well as in the charges imposed.

It may be that in the cases where the amounts which
I have set down as the proper charge for smelting, assay-

ing and stamping, differ from the amounts entered on your abstract sheets for the same deposits under this head, there may have been more than one melt necessary or additional material used, which required an extra charge, but I have thought it best in connection with other errors to call your attention to the difference under this head for such explanation as you may have to offer.

I will thank you to examine the deposits entered on the abstract enclosed, and inform me how it happens, that the errors enumerated on it occurred

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buschard,

Director.

James Giffellan, Esq.
Treasurer United States.

January 22, 1883.

Sir;

I have to request that you will cause to be forwarded to the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint the following blank forms;

200. Daily Statements of the condition of the Bullion Fund,
100. Transcripts. Bullion Fund Account. samples herewith

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buschard,

Director.

Thomas Jordan, Esq.
Editor Mining Record.
#61 Broadway New York.

January 22, 1883.

Sir;

✓ Your letter of the 20th is received. I have reviewed in the ^{early} ~~which~~ you forwarded, as far as practicable, the weight and cost of the silver bullion purchased for the coinage of standard silver dollars, prior to June 30, 1878, and for the last six months of the calendar year 1882 and lest the figures may not be sufficiently plain, I send you a

separate statement for the same years. For the period from the 1st of March to 30th of June I have given the total ounces purchased and its cost inclining including the partings.

You say you wish a statement of the amount and cost of the silver used in the coinage of \$8,573,500 standard dollars during this period. It is impossible to give these figures excepting approximately because no account is taken in this statement of the wastage nor were the partings or bullion received for charges carried at this time with the silver bullion purchase account, besides some of the silver purchased in that period was used as you will see by inspection of the table in the coinage of the succeeding year which latter required and used more than the \$21,334,245.96 coined. You could state approximately the cost of the silver used in the coinage at \$8,573,500 by dividing the cost (\$13,023,268.96) by the amount (12,010,389.53) purchased from March 1. to June 30 and assuming that as the average cost of the number of ounces 7,367,851.56 required to coin that amount of silver dollars, the cost of which at that rate would be \$7,989,209.01.

The first purchases amounting to some millions of dollars made before sufficient standard silver dollars had been accumulated were of course paid for in currency or gold coin.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,

Director.

Statement of the number of ounces of standard silver bullion purchased, and the cost thereof from March 1st to June 30 1878.

	<u>Standard ozs.</u>	<u>Cost.</u>
Purchased	<u>12,010,389.53</u>	<u>\$13,023,268.96</u>

Statement of the number of ounces of standard silver bullion purchased, parted and received for charges and cost of same from July 1st to Dec 31. 1882.

	<u>Standard ozs.</u>	<u>\$ Cost</u>
Purchased	<u>12,352,112.81</u>	<u>13,587,842.80</u>
Parting and charges	<u>56,528.13</u>	<u>56,528.13</u>
	<u>12,408,640.94</u>	<u>13,644,370.93</u>

E. S. N. Morgan
 Secretary of Territory
 Cheyenne, W. T.

January 22, 1883

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a statement showing the assessed valuation of taxable property for 1880, and a copy of the Governor's message for 1882, for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Minit.

New Orleans.

January 22, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th instant transmitting Statements of Brigot melts made and condemned during the year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Minit.

New Orleans.

January 22, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Monthly Statements of Silver Bullion Buckares #193

50 Account current No 54.

260 Invoices of Silver bullion shipped to the Minit.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Theodore Hermann Esq.,
15 South William Street,
New York City.

January 22, 1883.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 15th instant, in which you request me to have the necessary material prepared for you in order to finish "Table 2", referring I supposed to the table in the Mining Record of January 15, 1881, which you state I have published in my report of 1881.

I was not aware until advised by your letter, of the authorship of the table published in my report of 1880, upon the production of the precious metals in the United States, nor did I know that it had been published in the Mining Record, or I should have given credit to that paper or yourself.

My recollection is, I saw it, or an anonymous circular letter, and thought it of sufficient value to use without intending to vouch for its accuracy.

I shall be pleased to receive such a table for use in my next report on the production of the precious metals of the United States, and to give you credit for it.

I will furnish you as soon as possible, such information as I have in regard to the production and consumption in the United States in 1882.

As to the production of Bolivia in 1881, I have no information, other than that furnished in the official dispatches published in the report.

I noticed the amount was unusually large, and believed there was some mistake but have not felt at liberty to reject an official statement made in answer to an official call for information.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 22. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The Secretary concurs with me in the opinion that authority exists, under Section 3526, to continue the coinage of subsidiary silver coins, and for the Superintendent of the Mint, with the approval of the Director as to the price, time and quantity, to purchase the necessary bullion with the bullion fund, holding that the authority contained in this section has not been modified or repealed by subsequent legislation in regard to such coinage.

Referring to my letters of the 23 and 29 ultimo, and of the 6 instant, and the suggestion therein contained as to the disposition to be made of the silver bullion transferred from the New York Assay Office in August last, you are hereby authorized to use in the coinage of subsidiary silver coins, and purchase at the rate per ounce at which it was transferred, ($\$1.16 \frac{4}{11}$.) the 130,796.65 standard ounces of silver bullion received by you upon transfer order from the New York Assay Office in August last; and you will enter the weight and value in your accounts as a purchase of silver bullion for coinage into subsidiary silver coins.

It is advisable, that for the present this coinage should be confined chiefly to dimes, for which there is a demand.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Supt. Mint.

January 22. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refining and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending Dec 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

January 22, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- ✓ 10,000 Memorandums of gold bullion deposited No 42, a.
2 Books Light Clippings (Silver) No 177
4 Books High Clarks Bullion reports.
1 Book Transfer scale.
1 Book Cashier's Vault

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quadr.

Trust Auditor.

January 23, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quadr. ✓

Supt. Mint
Carson City.

January 23, 1883.

Sir:

✓ I have received your letter of the 15th inst transmitting the Mints and Refiners weekly report.

As this information is practically furnished to this Bureau in other statements, the weekly report may be made and retained by you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quadr. ✓

Supt. Mint.

January 23, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Central Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the month of June 1882, from San Francisco to Reno, of two (2) boxes of assayer's supplies, and twenty-four (24) boxes of fire bricks consigned to your care, amounting to \$117.53 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882; Also a bill of the same company for the transportation in the month of August 1882 of two (2) boxes of nitric Acid, and one (1) barrel of bone ash, consigned to your care, amounting to \$12.15 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge

January 23, 1883.

Charlotte N. C.

Sir;

Please forward your quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ended Dec 31, 1882, without ^{frustrating} delay.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge.

January 23, 1883.

Denver Col.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction your quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter

ended Dec. 31st 1882. The amount expended for "Salaries" should be \$2737.50 instead of \$2747.50 which you have entered on the statement, as follows:

In October	<u>\$922.35</u>
" November	<u>892.80</u>
" December	<u>922.35</u>
Total	<u>\$2737.50</u>

Please return the enclosed statement with corrected one to prevent the necessity of re-verifying the entries.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard,
Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Serran.

January 23, 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department a bill of the Serran division of the Union Pacific R. W. Company for the transportation of one box containing a Silver Press, consigned to your care, from Council Bluffs to Serran amounting to \$1.44 and for the Julesburg branch 96 a total of \$2.40 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your unit for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Buichard,
Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Serran, Col.

January 23, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bulletin accounts for the Quarter ending Dec 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Buichard,

Director.

Wm. H. Bailey.

San Francisco, Cal.

January 23, 1883.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst. I will state that the new dies for the life saving medals, are now in course of preparation, and as soon as same are finished there will be no delay in striking medals therefrom.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Hon. W. G. Fisher.Chairman of the Committee on
Weights and Measures.

House of Representatives.

January 23, 1883.

Sir;

A Commission appointed by the President to test the weight and fineness of the coinage of the Mints, will meet at Philadelphia for that purpose on the 14 of February next.

I should be pleased to suggest to the President for appointment on the Commission, your name, if able to attend, or the name of any member of your Committee who can attend, and may be designated by the committee.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

S. Guthrie Esq.Room 91 Crocker Building
City.

January 23, 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement the following accounts of the Union and Central Pacific Railway Co.

A bill of the Union Pacific dated August 2nd

1882 for \$144 and of the Julesburg branch, a bill of the same date for 96[¢] for supplies shipped to the Denver Mint from Council Bluffs; a bill of the same company dated Aug. 8th 1882 amounting to \$687.55 for the transportation of 48000 lbs of spelter shipped to the Mint at San Francisco; a bill of the same dated July 6th 1882 for \$179.02 for the transportation of 20000 lbs of Ingot Copper, and shipped to the San Francisco Mint and a bill dated June 1882 amounting to \$29.14 for stationery consigned to the San Francisco Mint.

Bill of the Central Pacific dated July 20th '82 for the shipment of freight from San Francisco to Reno amounting to \$117.53; bill of the same company dated Aug. 18th 1882 for the shipment of freight from Ogden to San Francisco and from San Francisco to Reno amounting to \$171.55; bill of same dated July 28th '82 for the transportation of stationery from Ogden to San Francisco, amounting to \$25.02, and a bill of the same Company for the transportation from San Francisco to Nelson of one case of Mint supplies consigned to the Assayer at Boise City, amounting to \$2.14.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in charge.

Helena, Mont.

January 23, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the abstract of Gold Deposits at your institution during the first week of the present calendar year, forwarded on the 9th instant.

I have carefully examined it verified the calculations of standard weight, charges &c, and take pleasure in stating that the deposits embraced on the sheet sent, are correctly calculated.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard. Quicksilver.

Hon J. S. Merrill

January 23. 1883.

Chairman of the
Senate Finance Committee.

Sir:

A Commissioner appointed by the President to test the weight and fineness of the coinage of the Mints, will meet at Philadelphia for that purpose on the 14th of February next.

I shall be pleased to suggest to the President for appointment on the Commission, the name of any Senator of the Committee who will be able to attend and will represent the Committee.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicker.

Supt. Mint.

January 23. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th inst. enclosing statement of the assayer showing the dates and numbers of the melts of gold during the year.

It seems that the gold coins of the delivery of Nov. 22, were made from the ingots of melts 2 and 3, and that the Assayer reported ingot number 1 of melt number 2, 899. If he has retained in his possession any portion of the chip taken from this ingot from which his assay was made, and can identify it, you will please forward it to me for trial here.

Please also request him to forward a portion of his proof gold, in order to test its fineness.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicker.

Supt. Mint.

January 23. 1883.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of Pope Cole & Co of Baltimore for 20,000 lbs of Ingot-copper at $17\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per lb amounting to \$3550.— shipped you on the 23rd ultimo and received by you on the 16th inst as shown by your statement of that date, the amount to be paid from the appropriation contained in the first Section of the Act passed Feb'y. 28th 1878 authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

January 23. 1883

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for stationery and blank forms for the use of your Mint during the current six months have been received. The former has been transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury and requisition has been made upon the public printer for such of the latter as are supplied through this office.

As the Comr. and Minter and Refiner certify on the Quarterly accounts to the correctness of the accounts charged, and credited them from No 2. herewith returned need no longer be paid, nor any of the quarterly vouchers of the operating officers.

You are hereby authorized to procure a supply of the enclosed samples #1, 2 & 3 in your city, and pay for same from your Contingent fund.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

January 23. 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the return to this office of your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended Sept. 30. 1882, restated.

I will have them examined as soon as the business of this office will permit.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buehard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 23. 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 1 Book Refining Statements M. 95

1 Book Receipts

3 Books Silver purchases M & R Dept.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buehard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 23. 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith statement and memorandums of uncurrent silver coin transferred to the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia for recoinage, the face value of the coin being Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty seven and $\frac{76}{100}$ Dollars (\$19,837.76) and the Mint value in subsidiary coin being Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Mini and $\frac{63}{100}$ Dollars (\$18,709.63) showing a loss of One Thousand, One Hundred, Twenty-eight and $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,128.13) and for which sum the Treasurer of the U. S. should be reimbursed. Very respectfully

Horatio C. Buehard. Director.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent's Office.

Statement.

Uncurrent silver coin received for redemption.

From whom received	Transfer Order	Fate value	Mint value	Loss.
Asst. L. U. S. N. Y.	11. 106	\$6.100.00	\$5.682.43	\$417.57
" " " Phila.	11. 103	3.082.00	2.853.08	228.92
" " " Balt.	11. 109	1.406.60	1.400.85	5.75
" " " Boston.	11. 107	3.493.00	3.274.90	218.10
" " " Cincin.	11. 112	1.569.80	1.481.40	88.40
" " " St. Louis.	11. 113	1.040.00	988.39	51.61
" " " Chicago.	11. 117	3.146.36	3.028.58	117.78
Totals.		\$19.837.76	\$18.709.63	\$1,128.13

Hon Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 23. 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco Cal. of the sum of Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-three $\frac{71}{100}$ Dollars (\$12,193.71) in gold coin, and One Hundred and Sixty-six $\frac{07}{100}$ Dollars (\$166.07) in silver coin making a total of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-nine $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollars (\$12,359.78) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for coinage as shown by Memoranda Nos 5515 & 5516, dated Jan. 13. 1883. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Birchard,
Director.

Post Auditor

Treasury Department.

January 24, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refining and Standard Silver dollar expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending December 31st 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

N. J. Crowder, Esq.

43 East Main Street

Van Wert Ohio.

January 24, 1883.

Sir:

By request of the Hon. William Lawrence, I submit for your information, the following answers to questions contained in your letter of the 19th instant.

First, "When was the issue of the Trade Dollar?"

Answer. Its issue was authorized by the coinage act of February 12, 1873; and the coins were issued soon after the passage of the Act.

Second, "When refused for custom duties?"

Answer. It was refused for custom duties when by the joint resolution of July 22, 1876, it was provided that the Trade Dollar should not be thereafter a legal tender.

Third, "What legislative action on the Trade Dollar?"

Answer. "Legislative action may be found in the pamphlet containing the Regulations and instructions relating to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices which I send you.

Fourth, "Is it received at the Treasury Department at its face value? — if not, at what value is it received?"

Answer. It is not received as money, but is received

at its right by the Mints on purchases or deposits of silver, like other silver bullion.

Fifth, "Did Congress authorize its coinage?"

Answer, It did, as stated in the answer to the first question.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in charge.
Denver Col.

January 24, 1883

Sir;

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased \$100,000 by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank at Denver, Col.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in charge
Helena.

January 24, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending December 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in charge.
Helena.

January 24, 1883.

Sir;

I have to request an explanation of the following entries in the Profit and Loss account of your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended September 30th 1882. viz:

Dr. To Mint at Philadelphia. Balance Account - \$76.15
 Dr. To Collection Account. Difference in Mint deductions. \$5.04
 Cr. By U.S. Assay Office New York. Balance Account \$194.75

The first item \$76.15 appears to be a loss of that amount on bullion shipped the Mint at Philadelphia for coinage. If so, you will please furnish a statement to accompany your accounts, showing in detail each shipment to the Mint, the value ascertained at your institution, and that allowed by the Mint, and the loss or gain on each.

The item of \$5.04 appears to be a loss of that amount on account of differences between ~~by your~~ office and the institution to which you shipped your bullion, in the charges imposed. If so you will please furnish a statement to accompany your accounts showing the loss or gain in charges on each shipment, and how you arrive at this loss.

The item of \$194.75 appears to be a gain on bullion shipped the New York Assay Office.

A similar statement to the one first mentioned will be necessary to verify this entry. In this connection I will thank you to inform me how you arrived at the amount \$151.77 gain on bullion shipped the Mint, published in my Annual Report for 1882, and taken from your annual statement of Earnings and Expenditures for that year. You stated that the gain would appear in your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended September 30th 1882 but I am unable to arrive at any such profit from the entries in the accounts under consideration.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Birchard,

Director.

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Charles Lakin Esq.
Cleveland Ohio.

January 24, 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22^d inst requesting me to inform you whether the new nomenclature of the Five Cent piece (nickel) is used by the order of the Secretary only, or by the Act of Congress is received.

The inscriptions upon this coin conform precisely, - (while those upon the other minor and silver coins of the United States do not -) with the requirements of the Coinage Act, and the authority given to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for striking the new nickel coin, instead of the old (which was not in conformity with law) was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

January 24, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refining & Standard Silver dollar accounts for the month ending December 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

January 24, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book of appointments.

1 Book. Melton & Refugio Journal.
1 Book. Invoice.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Buchard.
Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 24, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Col. be increased One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Mint with the Colorado National Bank at Denver Col.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury

January 24, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. to that of the Mint at New Orleans, La. of the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-one $\frac{56}{100}$ dollars. (\$3761. $\frac{56}{100}$) in gold coin, and Eighty-six $\frac{81}{100}$ Dollars. (\$86. $\frac{81}{100}$) in silver coin, making a total of Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-eight $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars (\$3848. $\frac{37}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 109, dated Mar. 29th 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon.

January 19, 1888.

Sub Committee on Appropriations.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to my estimate of the amount necessary to be appropriated for the collection of statistics upon the production of the precious metals in the United States, and my statement, to you that the amount should not be less than \$5,000. - I desire to state that it has been my aim to make the examination and report as comprehensive and thorough as those made by Professor Raymond when he was special Commissioner for that purpose.

This cannot be done without expending for information and travelling, an amount not less than disbursed by him for those purposes.

I enclose your statement taken from the books of the Treasury showing the amounts and objects for which the appropriations for the years 1873 to 1876 inclusive were expended.

The amount for information and travelling expenses for 1873 was	<u>\$4,738.58</u>
" 1874 "	<u>5,660.66</u>
" 1875 "	<u>2932.35</u>
" 1876 "	<u>4,238.71</u>

The amount required for travelling expenses and obtaining ^{information}, not including other necessary expenses, averaged in each of these years nearly \$4,300. - while the number of miles and extent of country from which information was obtained was much less than at the present time.

As a portion, the maximum amount to be expended by them of the moneys used by me for this purpose, must be advanced to the officers in charge of the Western Mints and Assay Offices, and the unexpended balances must be covered into the Treasury; in order to place a sufficient amount at their command it is necessary that the appropriation should somewhat

exceed the actual expenditures.

I trust therefore, that the amount asked for for the next year \$5,000. will be appropriated for this purpose, although my expenditures have not amounted to quite that sum.

Very respectfully & truly yours.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. January 25. 1883.

Carson City

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and nine cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram. Bank of California. January 25. 1883.

San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed

Quictor.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram. Daniel Meyer. San Francisco Cal.

Telegram. J. W. Seligman & Co. New York. N. Y.

Telegram. Anglo Californian Bank. January 26. 1883.

San Francisco Cal.

Thirty thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram. W. N. Harris. January 25. 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

Confirmed.

Horatio C. Burchard. Quictor.

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Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver Colorado.

January 25. 1883.

✓ Your offer accepted for New Orleans at One Hundred ten
and thirty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicksilver.

Telegram

Wandry & Cronie.

January 25. 1883

24 Nassau Street

New York.

✓ One hundred thousand ounces of your offer accepted for
Philadelphia and eighty thousand for New Orleans.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed.

Quicksilver.

Telegram

Aupt. Minit.

January 25. 1883.

New Orleans, La.✓ Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred nine and
three quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicksilver.

Telegram

Aupt. Minit.

January 25. 1883.

New Orleans✓ Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company, fifty
thousand ounces at one hundred ten and thirty five hun-
dredths cents per ounce fine, and from Wandry & Cronie
eighty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and thirty
five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicksilver.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. January 25. 1888.
San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Selby deposited six hundred and forty thousand ounces of
 fine gold in 1882. Request him to estimate approximate
 by the percentage produced by each State and Territory
 Answer by mail.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram. Supt. Mint. January 25. 1888.
San Francisco.

✓ Received from Samuel Meyer twenty-five thousand ounces
 at one hundred nine and one quarter cents per ounce,
 from Bank of California, fifty thousand ounces at
 one hundred nine and one half cents per ounce, and
 from Anglo Californian Bank thirty thousand at
 one hundred and ten cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard. ✓

Confirmed

Director.

Non Blanche R. Bruce.

January 25. 1888.

Register of the Treasury.

Sir,

✓ Certain papers accompanying the Bullion accounts of
H. S. Foster Supt. Mint New Orleans for the quarter ended
 December 31st 1879 are required for use as evidence in
 San Francisco at the trial of John Houston for murder
 and robbery. viz;

The Mint receipt and accompanying Certificate relating
 to a deposit #192 made at the New Orleans ^{Mint} Dec 6th
 1879 of certain gold bullion in the name of John Houston
 The Government officers also desire for the same purpose the
 papers accompanying the accounts of A. London Londen.
 Supt. Mint Philadelphia for the same quarter, relating to
 a deposit made by John P. Collins through Adams Express
 Company in the name of George C. Thompson, Agent.

Dec 26th 1879. Viz; The Mint receipt, and Accompanying Certificate.
The papers are to be forwarded to, and retained in the
custody of E. L. Burton Supt. Mint at San Francisco, and
not be returned by him when no longer required.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard,
Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte, N. C.

January 24, 1883.

Sir;

Your letter of the 22nd inst requesting further instructions or
explanations in regard to my letter of the 18th inst is re-
ceived.

You say you have since January first imposed a
charge of \$1.00 on each deposit received by you, large
or small. This is correct. That is the instructions re-
quire you to impose the same charge as would be im-
posed at the Mint on each deposit, had it been sent
to the Mint by the depositor himself.

You will continue to collect, as you have been doing,
on gold bullion containing silver, and deposited for
payment of its value in coin, a parting charge, at
the rate per ounce, and on the deposit, that the
Superintendent of the Mint to which it is to be sent, is
required by the Regulations to collect of the depositor,
should he send the bullion to the Mint.

By retaining the deposits until a number have
accumulated, instead of forwarding each immediately
as received, a less amount is charged to you by the
Mint for parting than would be charged, if the depos-
its were sent separately, resulting in a gain, which
increases the earnings of your office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 25. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refining expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending December 31st 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

January 25. 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I have to request that in future when reporting by telegram the balance of silver bullion on hand at the close of business on Wednesday of each week you will state the amount in fine ounces, and not in standard as you have hitherto done. You will also report your purchases in the same manner.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

January 25. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a half dozen stationary requisitions for your use. The supplies asked for in your requisition is much greater than is necessary.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Henry Hoemmer, Esq.
#710 Market St.

January 25, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this office the lowest price at which you will manufacture for the Carson Mint, an analytical balance, having a 14 inch beam, with drop arms, capacity 12 ounces, sensible to 0.005 of a grain, also a set of grain weights, the latter to be compared with the standard weights at the Philadelphia Mint and a certificate of the correctness of the same to be forwarded with your account.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 25, 1883.

Philadelphia,

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit:

<u>Ward & Cronin</u>	100.000	ounces,	at	\$.	<u>1.1034</u>
<u>J. W. Deligman & Co</u>	50.000	"	"	"	<u>1.1016</u>
"	25.000	"	"	"	<u>1.1020</u>
"	25.000	"	"	"	<u>1.1024</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 25. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I enclose herewith an additional table of distances, to guide you in making payment for shipment of standard silver dollars from your Mint to certain towns.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

January 25. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your Mint will be 109 $\frac{3}{4}$ ⁰⁰ per ounce fine.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Hon L. C. Payson.

January 25. 1883.

House of Representatives.

Washington D. C.

Sir;

As requested in your note of yesterday, I send you copies of the report of the commission on the Annual Assay at the Philadelphia Mint for the years 1881, and 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

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Supt. Mint.

San Francisco

January 25, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 2 Books Silver Purchases Received M & R's Sept.

1 Book Silver Deposits Received " " "

1 Book Superintendent's Silver Clippings Receipts M 24.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 25, 1883.

Sir:

✓ I enclose herewith two gold certificates and mint receipts requested by Senator Jones of Nevada which will be wanted at the trial of one John Houston, for murder and robbery, which will commence in your city on the 5th proximo.

The papers enclosed will be kept in your possession and returned to this office when no longer required.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Mr. Lykes, Esq.Fayetteville.Arkansas.

January 25, 1883.

Sir:

✓ Your letter of the 17th inst addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting information relative to the letter M. on the obverse and reverse of the silver dollar, has been referred to this office.

The letter in question is the initial of the name of the artist who originated the designs, and

appears on both sides of the coin.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director ✓

Supt. Mmt.

January 26, 1883.

New Orleans.

The appointment of L. Magruder as Assayer's computational Clerk is approved from the first previous.

Letter submitting the appointment mislaid. Forward Copy.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram Chas. W. Platt.

January 26, 1883.

4 Liberty Place, New York.

Can you mail me this week, the statement requested by my letter of the 30th ultimo? If not, how soon? Answer.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director. ✓

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram ✓ E. W. Nash, Esq.

Smelting Works, Omaha.

" ✓ Wandy & Co.

24 Nassau Street New York.

" ✓ Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

47 Wall Street " "

" ✓ J. C. Blake.

Pow. Lead Co. Mansfield Valley, Pa.

" ✓ Messrs C. Balbach & Son.

Newark, New Jersey.

Surit Auditor.

January 26, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement; the Ordinary and Refining expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mmt at Carson Nev. for the month ending December 31st 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Assayer in Charge
Bone City.

January 26, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant in which you state that the Certificates of Gold Deposit requested in your letter of 11th November last have not been received by you, I have to say that the same were mailed on the 20th of November, together with 250 Certificates of Assays. As these blanks have evidently miscarried, I send by mail to day, a small quantity to last you until the others come to hand.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte N.C.

January 26, 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for articles of Stationery furnished you in the month of August 1882, amounting to \$29.10 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Office, for the current fiscal year. Enclosed please find duplicate bill.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

January 26, 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the ^{Treasury} Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury

Department for articles of Stationery furnished you in the month of August 1882, amounting to \$52.36 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Unit for the current fiscal year.

Enclosed, ^{please} find duplicate bill.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Unit

January 26, 1883.

Carson, Nev.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending December 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

January 26, 1883.

Denver, Col.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationing Division of the Treasury Department for articles of Stationery furnished you in the month of October 1882 amounting to \$5.67 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Unit for the current fiscal year.

Enclosed please find duplicate bill.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Robert H. Eagle, Esq.
Philadelphia Pa.

January 26, 1883.

Sir:

You state in your letter of the 24th that what you desired in particular, was the report on the production of the precious metals in the United States for 1882.

✓ The report for that year is now in course of preparation.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Isaac J. McCutcheon, Esq.
Secretary of Montana.
Helena. Mont.

January 26, 1883.

Sir:

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Auditor and Treasurer of the Territory of Montana for the fiscal year 1880. for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Hon. S. N. Miller
House of Representatives.
Washington, D.C.

January 26, 1883.

Sir:

✓ Your note of yesterday making inquiry in regard to the number of Trade Dollars issued and in circulation, is received; and in answer to your inquiry I have the honor to state:

Fact: "The number of Trade Dollars printed or coined."
Answer. The number is stated in the report of the

Director of the Mint for 1879, page 131. It have been 35,959,360.
Second "The number in circulation?"

Answer. In my report for 1881, page 21, I estimated that seven million Trade Dollars were in circulation in this country. There may be more, as the coinage exceeded the export up to the first of November 1879, by nearly nine millions, and about two millions have since been imported. But since their demonetization, it is supposed that many have been melted up and the amount remaining in the country is supposed to be from seven to ten millions. Third. "The date of the Act stopping its coinage?"

Answer July 22, 1876.

Fourth "Has any Act of Congress been enacted to retain the coin in circulation?"

Answer No. Bills are now before the House and Senate authorizing the recoinage, or the redemption of these coins.

Fifth. "What is the necessity of maintaining its circulation?"

Answer. There is none.

You ask if there is any reason why the amount now in circulation should not be made legal tender.

It would be judicious to authorize Trade Dollars, to be received at the Mints in exchange for, and to be coined into standard Dollars, so that the silver dollars of the United States should be of uniform weight.

The commercial value of Trade Dollars is quoted at 99 1/4. If their recoinage was authorized, their value would probably rise to par, with that of the other silver coins.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Director.

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Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

January 26, 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for articles of stationery furnished you in the month of August 1882. amounting to \$111.25 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office for the current fiscal year.

Enclosed please find duplicate bill.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

January 26, 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for articles of stationery furnished you in the month of August 1882. amounting to \$199.78 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Enclosed please find duplicate bill.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

January 26, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant. I have to state in reply that it is not requisite in order to complete your bullion accounts for the quarter

ended Dec 31, 1882. that you should have a transfer order for the value of the gold bullion received from the St. Louis Assay Office on the 29th of November. Owing to the large difference between the value of this bullion as reported by the St. Louis office and your Minit, this office delayed requesting the Secretary to have the amount transferred, until it was evident that the loss could not be reduced. A transfer order has now been requested, and you can credit your bullion fund with the amount in your accounts for the current quarter.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

January 26, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have appeared and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department, for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for articles of stationery furnished you in the month of October 1882 amounting to \$33. payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Minit for the current fiscal year.

Enclosed please find duplicate bill.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

January 26, 1883

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith \$1. for which I will thank you to return to this office a gold dollar of the coinage of 1883, if any has been struck, and if not, one of 1882.

Very respectfully Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Supt. Mint.

January 26. 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir;

I send you by to days mail, a melter and Refiners
Chips Book, from in use at the San Francisco Mint.
which I think will commend itself to the melter of
your institution. I desire its adoption, and if it meets
✓ with your approval, you can return the book sent, and I
will cause others to be prepared for you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver ✓

Supt. Mint.

January 26. 1883

Philadelphia

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been
mailed you this day, viz:

2 Books Gold Bullion Receipts No 7. a.

2 Books Silver " " " 9. a.

1 Book M & R's Chips #163.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard. ✓

Supt. Mint.

January 26. 1883.

San Francisco.

The following blank forms for official use have been
mailed you this day, viz:

3 Books Gold Bullion Receipts No 7. B.

✓ 2 " Supt's Silver Ingot " " 23.

2 " Requisitions made by M & R.

3 " M & R's Chips #163

1 Supt's Order Book. ✓

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver

Hon John C. Sherrin.

January 26. 1883.

House of Representatives.

Washington D.C.

Sir:

A requested by you to day I forward you copy of my speech in 1878, explaining what in my judgement were the particular elements to be considered in framing a reasonable and sufficiently protective tariff.

The particular question to which you refer will be found on page 5.

Please read my speech to page 12, and from 18 to page 20.

Very respectfully.

Nathaniel C. Burchard.

Director.

Claus Spreckels. Esq.

January 26. 1883.

Washington. D.C.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry as to whether the U. S. Government would be willing to undertake the coinage at the Mint in San Francisco, of gold and silver coins for the Hawaiian government. I have to inform you that an Act was passed by Congress January 29. 1874 which provides "that it shall be lawful for coinage to be executed at the Mints of the United States for any foreign country applying for the same, according to the legally prescribed standards and devices of such country under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, and the charge for the same shall be equal to the expenses thereof, including labor, material and use of machinery, to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury."

Under this Act, coinage can be executed at any of the Mints of the U. S. for any foreign government applying for the same, provided that it will not interfere with the

required coinage of the U.S.

There would be no difficulty in executing coinage for the Hawaiian government at the San Francisco Mint, to any extent that would be likely to be required by that country, and if it is desired that such coinage shall be undertaken by the San Francisco Mint, a careful estimate of the cost thereof will be made, and furnished you, or the duly authorized agent of such government.

There being no facility for preparing the proper dies at the San Francisco Mint, they would either have to be prepared at the Philadelphia Mint, or by outside engravers, or die-sinkers.

If the Hawaiian government decides to have the coinage executed, and the dies prepared by the Philadelphia Mint, which would be done at cost of labor and materials, it would be necessary that the designs and devices for the same should be furnished as early as practicable after it is decided to have the coinage executed, as it will take some time to prepare the dies.

The cost of the coinage of trade dollars at the San Francisco Mint was fixed at 1 1/2 per cent, and I estimate that the coinage required by the Hawaiian government, would be from 1 1/2 per cent and not exceeding the latter rate.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Pinchard.

Director.

Telegram

Numpy & Meninger.

January 27, 1883.

Post of C. 106 to Street

New York.

✓ Can you mail me this week the statement requested by my letter of the 30th ultimo? If not, how soon. Answer.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

First Auditor.

January 27, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont. for the month ending Dec. 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint

January 27, 1883.

Carson, Nev.

✓ State by telegraph coinage value of gold bullion on hand at your mint, on the thirty first ultimo.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

January 27, 1883.

Helena.

Sir;

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts, abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Nelana, Mont.

January 27, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending Dec. 31st 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. James G. Hill.

Superior Architect.

Treasury Department.

January 27, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of a letter received at this office from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia stating that the lock on the outer door of the new vault recently erected at that institution is defective in its construction, and that it cannot be relied upon. As this vault was constructed under your supervision, I have to respectfully request that you will take such action as may be necessary to remedy the defects in the lock.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Noah C. Macfarland, Esq.

Commissioner General Land Office.

Interior Department.

January 27, 1883.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish for the official use of this office, a map of Dakota of the latest issue.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Dept. Assay Office.
New York.

January 27, 1883.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward by return mail, a statement showing the coming value of gold bullion on hand at your office on the 31st ultimo, also a statement of the value in standard silver dollars of silver bullion on hand at the same date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Dept. Mint.

New Orleans.

January 27, 1883.

Sir:

Upon examination of the Register of Deposits for the last quarter, I find no notes of the Melted and Refined, as required by the Regulations, pages 4 to 5, showing that the Register has been submitted to, and examined by him meticulously; and it does not appear from any thing on the Register that the book has been submitted to you for examination.

The regulations of 1880, as well as those of 1874 require the Melted and Refined to carefully note whether the differences in the weight before and after the melting are usual or ordinary, and fairly resulting from the nature of the deposit in each case.

At the end of each week the Register should send the book back to the Melted and Refined, who, after making his comments on the deposit, should sign the same and return the book to you, so that you on Monday morning after visiting examined, and signing your name could deliver the book to the Register of Deposits.

This is the practice in Philadelphia, and is the recorded evidence that the officers have attended to their duties, as required by the Regulations.

I return you the Register, that you, and the

Melter and Refiner may make proper entries thereon.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard,

Director.

R. E. Preston, Esq.,

January 27, 1883.

Examiner of Mints.

Sir,

For the purpose of examining into the present condition of the Charlotte Assay Office, and the New Orleans Mint, you will at your earliest convenience, proceed to Charlotte N.C. and examine the books of the Charlotte Assay Office, and the methods employed in transacting and recording its business. You will also proceed to New Orleans, and make similar examination of the general condition of the New Orleans Mint and, particularly inquire into and report the facts connected with the receipt and melting, and reported loss thereon in melting of a shipment of gold bullion from St. Louis Assay Office, deposited November 29, 1882, receipt number 109, in the name of L. Magruder; tracing the history and treatment of such deposit in the Mint; taking the statements or evidence of persons by whom it was handled, in order to ascertain if possible the occasion of that loss.

You will also make inquiry in regard to the reported fineness of a deposit of English Sovereigns, number 134, in the name of James W. Butler, and report the reason why the same was found to be below the usual fineness of British gold coin.

You will also examine the records and make inquiry of the officers of the Mint in regard to the melts and ingots from which the Thirty Six Thousand gold coin, delivery number 1, November 22, 1882, were manufactured; and ^{you} will also examine the employees in the Assaying and Melting Department, and report as to the methods that were employed in making and assaying the ingots from

which the coins are manufactured.

Your necessary travelling, and other expenses, will be reimbursed you upon a statement of your account, accompanied by the proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 27, 1883

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 8. instant, in regard to my report upon the complaint of Charles S. Platt, of the injury to his business from the exchange of gold coin at the United States Assay Office in New York, and your request for me to cause a revision of the bar charges to be made, as I had suggested, I have the honor to state, that on the 12th inst. I addressed a letter on the subject (copy of which I enclose) to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, and received a reply under date of the 18 inst: a copy of which with the letter of the Melter and Refiner to him I submit herewith.

The Melter and Refiner of the New York Assay Office expresses the opinion, that the cost of preparing small gold bars, including material, labor, wastage, and use of machinery, does not exceed the rate fixed for such bars, at that institution; namely, 4 cents per \$100. value.

The Superintendent concurs with him in this opinion. If they are correct, which from their practical experience I presume they are, an increase of the bar charges, as I had proposed, cannot lawfully be made without legislation permitting the charges to be imposed for preparing such bars to exceed the expenses.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

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Hon. Chas. J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 27, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia. Part of the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-four ⁸³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1234.83) in gold coin, and Twelve ⁴⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$12.44) in silver coin, making a total of One Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-Six ²⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1246.27) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 183, dated Jan 24, 1883. of gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Navy Dockmaster, Esq.
#710 Market St.
Philadelphia.

January 27, 1883.

Sir:

Your offer of the 26th inst. to manufacture for the Carson Mint, an analytical ^{balance} capacity 12 ozs with a sensitivity of .005 grain, with agate bearings and of the most improved construction, for the sum of \$146.00 and a set of gram weights to be made in the most approved manner so accepted.

I will thank you to proceed to manufacture the same and forward to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson by express as early as practicable, transmitting your account, receipted in duplicate to this office.

You will please furnish a certificate from the Mint at Philadelphia, showing the correctness of the gram weights.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Ogden N. Vail, Esq.

148 Herkimer Street.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

January 27, 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26 instant is received, and I will enter your name in the list of those desiring the report for 1882.

That portion of the report for 1881, relating to California, was prepared in my office from material procured by or furnished to me, and only those mines were mentioned concerning which I had received information during the year.

The chapter on California in the report for 1880, was prepared at San Francisco under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Mint in that City; and I think that Nevada county was visited by the gentleman who had charge of the collection of statistics at that Mint; but whether he had personal knowledge of the Cisco Mine, I am unable to state.

The Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint has been directed to collect statistics, and prepare that portion of my report for 1882 that will relate to California.

I have here no information in regard to the Cisco Mine, and whether it will be mentioned by him or not, I cannot say, without seeing his report.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

January 29, 1883.

Daniel Meyer's offer was accepted for twenty thousand ounces.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed

Director.

Prof. Albert J. Bickmon
 77th Street and 8th Avenue
 New York City.

January 29, 1883

Sir;

In reply to your request of the 27th inst. I transmit by
 ✓ current mail a copy of my annual report for 1882 and also
 a copy of my special report on production for the years 1880
 and 1881.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge
Charlotte, N.C.

January 29, 1883.

Sir;

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary
 Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month
 ending December 31st 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte, N.C.

January 29, 1883.

Sir;

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Ex-
 penses Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month
 ending November 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Neuman Hangerford. Esq.
Hartford Conn.

January 29. 1883.

Sir:

Your postal card inquiring whether the old style nickel will be in the proof set this year, is received.

I have forwarded your letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, with the request that he answer it.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Frank Hangerford. Esq.
Union, Monroe Co.
N. Va.

January 29. 1883.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 27th inst. I transmit by to day's mail a copy of my Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Morgan C. Lewis. Esq.
Centle Belpre. Ohio.

January 29. 1883.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst., asking what I charge for my Annual Report, and for how many years back I can furnish it, you are informed that no charge is made for the report.

I send you copy for 1882, and also copy of my special Report on the production of the precious metals of the United States, for 1880. If these do not contain the information you desire, I shall be pleased to send you such others as you may need.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

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Jas. L. Oududomk. Esq.
 Territorial Controller,
 Boise City, Idaho.

January 29, 1883.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two copies of the Report of the Territorial Controller for the years 1879 & 1882, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

January 29, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 25th inst., you are instructed to make the necessary preparations for the meeting of the Annual Assay Commission at the Philadelphia Mint on the 14. proximo.

As the work will be continuous, and will probably be continued until late Thursday evening, you are authorized to make arrangements to provide necessary lunches during the Assay, and a dinner for Thursday evening at the close of the work, for the members of the Commission, the officers of the Mint, and for such others as the members of the Commission may request to assist them.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

January 29, 1883.

Sir;

I enclose herewith check in your favor for \$50. - for which I will thank you to transmit to this office, for the Chief Minister, twenty-five (25) gold dollars of the coinage of 1882 or 1883 and twenty-five (25) of the same coin, if you have

them, of the size, pure to the measure in the diameter of the same. If you have the latter you will please cause them to be thoroughly cleaned as he desires to receive them in as bright a condition as they can be made.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 29, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- ✓ 1 Book of Gold Deposits sent to the Refinery.
- 1 " " Silver Purchases " " " "
- 1 Record of Gold Coin certification #160.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 29, 1883.

Sir,

✓ I have the honor to transmit herewith memorandum of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint showing the total value of U.S. money from coin forwarded by the Treasurer of the U.S. for recoinage. From the memorandum, the total value of the coin is shown to be twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.) and the value thereof after recoinage into fractional silver is twenty three thousand six hundred fifty five and 28/100 dollars (\$23,655.28) showing a loss of one thousand three hundred forty four and 12/100 dollars (\$1,344.72) and for which sum the Treasury of the U.S. should be reimbursed.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

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Telegram. Supt. Mint. January 30. 1883.

Carson City.

✓ Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred - nine and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar Telegram sent to.

Telegram Supt. Mint. ✓ San Francisco. Cal.

Telegram Supt. Mint. January 30. 1883.

New Orleans.

✓ Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred - ten and two tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar Telegram sent to.

Telegram Supt. Mint. Philadelphia. Pa.

Telegram Supt. Mint. January 30. 1883.

New Orleans.

✓ The Certificate and accounts belonging to your Bullion accounts for Fourth Quarter do not accompany your abstract, Shuts and Assayers reports.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint. January 30. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ Referring to your letter of January 23rd enclosing papers pertaining to your Ordinary expense account for November 1882, I have to state that the new voucher of Thomas W. Morrison for temporary services as helper in the General Department has been substituted and the account has been approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Depart-

ment for examination and settlement. I enclose duplicate.
Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quicksilver

Louis Baker, Esq.

January 30, 1883.

Fort Halleck, Nevada.

Sir,

I have your letter asking me to help you obtain a discharge.

An application for discharge must be based upon some special reason, which you had better state to the Hon. R. R. Vitt, referring to me if you desire to do so, as he at present represents our district in Congress.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quicksilver

Charles Latimer, Esq.

January 30, 1883

349 Euclid Avenue.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir,

Your letter of the 26th inst. addressed to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, inquiring whether any Act of Congress has been passed authorizing the issue of coins on the "metric scale" has been referred by him to me.

No such act has been passed, except as to the half and quarter dollar and dime; the weights of which by Section 3513 of the Revised Statutes, are "on the metric scale."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

List of persons recommended to the Director of the Mint for appointment on the Commission to test the Annual coinage February 14th 1883.

Name	Residence	Occupation	Recommended by
✓ <u>Wm. E. Payson.</u>	Pontiac Ill.	Member Committee on Coinage	Committee on Coinage &c.
✓ <u>Hon. Wm. A. Richardson</u>	Washington D. C.	Judge Court of Claims	Personal request.
✓ <u>Prof. Oscar I. Allen</u>	New Haven, Conn.	Professor Yale Scientific School	Prof. Noah Porter & Geo. J. Brush
✓ <u>" Wm. P. Blake</u>	New York City	Mining Engineer	Personal request.
✓ <u>" J. E. Wilgard.</u>	Washington D. C.	Superintendent U. S. Coast Survey	
✓ <u>" P. De P. Ricketts</u>	New York, N. Y.	Professor of Chemistry	Personal request.
✓ <u>Dr. W. P. Lassar</u>	Washington D. C.	Assayer Mint Bureau	Director of the Mint.
✓ <u>William Donaldson</u>	Philadelphia Pa.	Smithsonian Institute	Personal request.
✓ <u>Prof. C. T. Fristoe</u>	Washington D. C.	Professor Columbian University	Personal request.
✓ <u>Mr. Jay G. Kelley</u>	Denver Colo.	Assayer & Mining Engineer	Hon. Jas B. Belford.
✓ <u>Mr. P. G. Solom</u>	Philadelphia, Pa.	Clerk formerly an Assayer	Substr. Cameron & J. B. Birmingham.
✓ <u>Dr. B. L. Taylor</u>	New Orleans La.	Formerly Corner of U. S. Mint	Hon. P. B. Daniel & " R. L. Gibson. N. R.
✓ <u>Mr. M. A. Meyendorff</u>	Helena, Mont. T.	U. S. Assay Office	Personal request.
✓ <u>Mr. J. N. Sylvester</u>	New York, N. Y.	Assayer New York Assay Office	Prof. W. G. Terry.

Telegram. Proprietor of Alexander House.
Denver Colo.

January 31, 1883.

✓ Is Jay G. Kelley at your house. If not, where can he be found. Answer.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Prof. Oscar I. Allen
New Haven Conn.

January 31, 1883.

Sir:

✓ The President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to test and examine the fineness and weight of the coins received at the several Mints during the year 1882.

The Commissioners will assemble at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 14th proximo at 10. A. M. and

probably be in session two or three days.

The law does not provide for the payment of any compensation to Assay Commissioners, but your actual necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of this duty, will be allowed at the conclusion of the Assay, upon the presentation at the Philadelphia Mint, of your account for the same, made out in accordance with Treasury Circular, herewith enclosed.

Please notify this Office of your acceptance of the appointment.

I enclose for your information a copy of the laws relating to the Annual Assay, Rules for Organization, and Proceedings of the Commission of 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.
Director.

Similar letter sent to.

- <u>Prof. Wm P. Blake.</u>	<u>New Haven. Conn.</u>
- <u>Mrs. Donaldson.</u>	<u>Philadelphia. Pa.</u>
- <u>Prof. E. L. Dutton</u>	<u>Washington. D. C.</u>
- <u>Prof. J. C. Hilgard</u>	<u>Supt. Coast Survey. Washington D.C.</u>
- <u>Gay G. Kelley</u>	<u>Denver Colo.</u>
- <u>Ch. W. P. Larrow</u>	<u>Mint Bureau</u>
- <u>Wm L. E. Payson</u>	<u>House of Representatives</u>
- <u>Prof. P. De P. Ricketts</u>	<u>School of Mines. New York City</u>
- <u>Wm. Wm. A. Richardson.</u>	<u>Court of Claims. Washington D.C.</u>
- <u>Pedro G. Salom.</u>	<u>Philadelphia. Pa.</u>
- <u>Dr. B. F. Taylor.</u>	<u>New Orleans. La.</u>

J. W. B. Chaplin, Esq.
St. Matthews. S. C.

January 31, 1888.

Sir:

No premium is paid on coins by the Mints of the United States.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.
Director.

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Assayer in Charge.

January 31, 1882.

Helena, Mont.

Sir;

I reply to your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the appropriation for "Salaries" at your institution for the current fiscal year. I have to say that sufficient money will be advanced you to pay the salaries of the Officers and Clerks during the entire year, and if the amount named in the book of estimates is not sufficient the difference arose in the Secretary's Office in calculating the adjustment, and an appropriation warrant will be drawn for the shortage of one dollar and seventy one cents \$1.71

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicker.

Messrs. Nandy & Cronin.

January 31, 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

Gentlemen.

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 30th inst. in relation to "Invoices of fine silver shipped to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia", a few of which were sent you on the 29th inst. I have to say that requisition had been made for a larger size, and that a supply will be mailed to you, as soon as they are received from the public printer.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicker.

Supt. Mint.

January 31, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The Assayer of the Mint Bureau has forwarded by to day's Express, a box containing the following Bullion viz

77.41 ounces fine gold.
 37.50 " Standard gold
 135.12 " Silver (approximately)

resulting from the assay of coins sent to me for special
 test, the coinage value of which, I will thank you to re-
 turn him without charges.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Sup't. Mint.

San Francisco.

January 31. 1883

Sir;

✓ Hereafter in your weekly Wednesday telegram, please
 state not only the amount of silver bullion on hand and
 purchased at your Mint during the month, but the total
 ounces delivered during the month, on purchases here, and
 at your Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

James C. Shearman Esq.

115 Broadway.

New York City.

January 31. 1883.

Sir;

✓ Your letter of the 17th inst to the Hon John C. Hill,
 asking for a copy of the report upon the production of the
 precious metals in the United States for 1882, has been for-
 forwarded by him to me, with the request to answer.

In reply, I have to state, that the report on the precious
 metals for the year 1882 is not yet published, when it is
 printed I will forward you a copy.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

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Telegram Daniel Meyer. February 1. 1883.
San Francisco.

✓ Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor.

Telegram Noel & Pollitz. Similar telegram sent to.
San Francisco. Cal. ✓

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank. February 1. 1883
San Francisco Cal.

✓ Fifty thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor. ✓

Telegram Packin & Colorado Smelting Co. February 1. 1883
Denver, Colorado.

✓ Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred ten
 and ninety three hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor. ✓

Telegram Supt. Mint. Carson City. Feb.
 January 1. 1883.

✓ Offer of Williams accepted

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor. ✓

Telegram Nandy & Cronise. February 1. 1883.
24 Nassau Street.

New York.

✓ Your offer of fifty thousand for Philadelphia accepted and
 offer of one hundred and twenty thousand accepted for
 New Orleans.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor. ✓

Telegram Supt. Mint. February 1. 1883.
New Orleans, La.
 Received from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company fifty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and ninety three hundredths cents per ounce, from Hendy & Cronin one hundred and twenty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and ninety eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Confirmed. Quicksilver.

Telegram J. B. W. Seligman & Co. February 1. 1883.
New York.
 Your offer of twenty five thousand ounces at one hundred and eleven cents per ounce fine, accepted, other declined.
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Confirmed. Quicksilver.

Telegram Supt. Mint. February 1. 1883.
San Francisco, Cal.
 Received from Daniel Mayer fifty thousand ounces at one hundred and ten cents per ounce fine, from Anglo Californian Bank fifty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and seventy five hundredths cents per ounce fine and from Wohl and Pollitz ten thousand ounces at one hundred ten and twenty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Confirmed. Quicksilver.

✓ Hon. Chas. J. Folger, Secretary of the Treasury. February 1. 1883.
 Sir:
 I have the honor to transmit herewith a monthly time report of the employees of the Bureau of the Mint for Jan. 1883.
 Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard. Quicksilver.

Assayer in charge.

February 1, 1883.

Bureau City.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you three copies of a circular issued by this Office prescribing a method for ascertaining the alloy charge on Gold Deposits which you will please follow, as heretofore directed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Inspector.

Similar letter sent to:Supt. Mint.

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" U. S. Assay Office.Assayer in Charge

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✓ Carson, Nev.✓ New Orleans, La.✓ Philadelphia✓ San Francisco.✓ New York, N. Y.✓ Charlotte N. C.✓ Denver, Col.✓ Helena, Mont.✓ St. Louis, Mo.Hon. W. W. Blair.

February 1, 1883.

United States Senate,

Washington D. C.

Sir:

I have received the letter of Mr. Henry Adams, with reference to an appointment in the Mint at New Orleans, and your endorsement thereon.

I have referred the letter to the Superintendent of that Mint calling his attention to your recommendation.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Inspector.

(For Circular see page 84)

Hon James T. Farley,
United States Senate.

February 1, 1883.

Washington D.C.

Sir;

In accordance with your request, I have mailed to Mr. J. W. C. Morgan, my report for the years 1880 and 1881 on the production of the precious metals of the United States. The report for 1882 has not yet been prepared.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burichard,
 Director.

Capt. Minit.

February 1, 1883.

New Orleans. La.

Sir;

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, with the letter of the Assayer in reference to the deposit of English Sovereigns, concerning which, I wrote you on the 16th instant, has been received.

The explanation given by you for the reduction in fineness of the British Sovereigns, deposited by Mr Buller, viz that they were melted in crucibles previously used for melting jewelry containing considerable base metal, from which crucibles the adhering alloy had not been entirely removed, seems probable.

I have directed Mr Pictor, who is on his way to your Mint, to make inquiry, and report to me all the facts in regard to the treatment and assaying of this deposit, and you will please give him such information upon the subject, not already officially reported, as you may have.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burichard,
 Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 1. 1883.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose Dr. Lamsie's report upon the fineness of the coins taken by you from the sacks containing the delivery No 1. November 22. 1882. by which it appears that 7 of the 15 coins, as well as the average of the whole, were found below the legal limits of fineness.

You will retain the remaining coins of that delivery in your possession sealed up until further orders. None of them should be put in circulation, and it will be necessary to melt them and recoin them from ingots brought to the standard.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 1. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

In accordance with your dispatch of the 1st instant, I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans the sum of \$50,000 gold coin.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Joseph Munroe, Jr. Esq.

February 1. 1883.

Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a statement of the imports and exports of coin and bullion during the six months from July to December 1882, inclusive, similar to the enclosed sheet.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard. Director.

Sup't. Mint.

February 1, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to the coinage of the 5¢ pieces executed at your Mint during the quarter ended September 30th 1882 viz., 354,134.70 ounces - value, \$111,665 - your attention is respectfully directed to the fact that the value of the pieces coined exceeded by \$1514.24 the legal value of the coinage of that number of ounces and that the pieces refused to average over 1 grain light.

I am aware that Section 3537 of the Revised Statutes allows a deviation of 3 grains, but in practice I think that the average variation on the coinage of these coins for the quarter should be much less than a grain to the piece.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director.

Sup't. Mint.

February 1, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo requesting to be furnished with certain work books for the use of the Melter and Refiner of your Mint I desire to call attention to the description on sample for the Silver Melting Book, Form 184. You ask for a book of 500 leaves or 1000 pages, which is excessive in size and would be very unworkable in consequence of the heavy paper used.

Two of these books of less than 500 p.p. each were sent you about April 1881, nearly two years ago. I therefore cannot understand why these should be double the former size.

I will thank you to inform me whether the 500 leaves is a clerical error, or whether you desire the books to be of that size.

Request has been made for the "Gold and

"Silver Working Book" asked for in the same letter.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

February 1. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury. for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred either in silver dollars, or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in Silver dollars to wit of.

Ward & Co. Inc. 50,000 ounces at \$1.10 98

J. W. Seligman & Co. 25,000 " " 1.11 00

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

February 1. et. 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of fifty thousand Dollars \$50,000 by a transfer of that amount in Gold Coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

February 2, 1883.

Carson, Nev.

✓ Coin One Hundred Thousand standard silver dollars during current month.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

February 2, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Telegraph number of ounces of gold and silver separately paid depositors in bars during fourth quarter calendar year eighty two.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

February 2, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Coin Six Hundred Thousand standard silver dollars during current month.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Assayer in charge.

February 2, 1883.

Denver, Colo.

Sir

✓ I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased \$100,000, by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank, at Denver Colorado.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quictor. ✓

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Supt. Mint.

February 2. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I will thank you to furnish me by return mail, a statement showing the weight and value of the gold and silver bullion, separately paid depositors in bars during the calendar year 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Quicks.

Similar letter sent to.✓ Supt. U. S. Assay Office✓ New York City. N. Y.

Trust Auditor.

February 2. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending Sept. 30 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Quicks. ✓

Wm. W. Demming. Esq.

February 2. 1883.

Brooklyn N. Y.

Sir;

The following Report of the Quicks of the Mint has been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 31st ultimo viz: Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. for the year 1881. The report for the year 1882, will probably be ready for distribution in July or August next.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Quicks. ✓

Assayer in Charge
Helena, Mont.

February 2, 1883.

Sir:

Referring to the Abolach's Check, accompanying your Bullion Account for the Quarter ended December 31st 1882, your attention is respectfully directed to the charges imposed for parting and alloy on the following gold deposit, the rate being less than that required by the Regulations, viz:

Deposit #405 - Gross weight - 53.15 ozs - Charges - \$1.69 - should be \$2.21

It appears that you have charged for parting this deposit at the rate of 3¢ per ounce. The rate required by the regulations is 3¢ per ounce, and 1¢ additional for over 100 base. As this is the only deposit, during the quarter referred to, which contained over 100 base metal, I call your special attention to it, so that you may understand that 1¢ per ounce gross additional is to be imposed on deposits containing over 100 parts of base metal.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver ✓

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

February 2, 1883.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint, during the month of February, has been fixed at 800,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver ✓

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

February 2, 1883.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement

your Bulletin accounts for the Quarter ending Sept. 30. 1882.
with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 2. 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

I forward by to days mail a supply of Treasury Circulars, dated July 20th 1882, relative to the issue of standard silver dollars and fractional silver coin as requested in your letter of the 1st instant.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 2. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I enclose herewith an additional table of distances from Philadelphia to certain towns, to enable you to make payment for shipments of standard silver dollars from your Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 2. 1883.

Philadelphia,

Sir;

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of February, has been fixed at 900,000 pieces.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 2, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz;

1 Record Book.

* 2 Books of Gold Deposits received. M & R's Sept.

✓ 1 Cashier's Journal of gold received and delivered.

1 Register of Gold Ingots and Clippings

1 " " Certificate and receipts for the payment of Gold Deposits No 180.

* Duplicates to follow in a few weeks.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

February 2, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

✓ I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the United States Mint at Denver Colo. be increased in the sum of \$100,000 by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Colorado National Bank, at Denver Colorado.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 3, 1883.

Carson City.

Sir:

I send you by to-days mail 80 copies each of form 225, being a statement of the result of the examination and accounts of the moneys in the hands of the Cashier, and also the same number of copies of form 226.

being the monthly statement of the balances of the bullion in the hands of the night clerk.

Please use form 225 in making your report of the result of the examination, and count entering the total amount of each species of money and of bars, if charged to your Cashier as money, without regard to the accounts with the appropriation to which the moneys belong.

Have form 226 filled out, signed and forwarded whether there is a balance in the hands of the night clerk, or the bullion received by him has been delivered to the operating offices, leaving no balance in their hands.

Very respectfully.

Hiram C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter sent to.

Supt. Mint.

✓ New Orleans. La.

✓ Philadelphia. Pa.

✓ San Francisco. Cal.

Supt. Mint.

February 3, 1883

Carson City.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

80 Supts. reports of monthly count and examination No 225.
80 Night Clerks monthly statement of gold and silver bullion on hand No 226.

Very respectfully.

Hiram C. Burchard

Director.

Similar letter sent to.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

✓ New York. N. Y.

" " " Mint

✓ New Orleans. La.

" " " "

✓ Philadelphia. Pa.

" " " "

✓ San Francisco.

James R. Laws, Esq.
Boston, Mass.

February 3, 1883.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry of the 30th ultimo, you are informed that Nickel Five Cent pieces for the year 1883 are now being struck and issued by the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

February 3, 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon the sample of proof gold forwarded by you to this office in response to my request of the 23rd ultimo.

A piece of proof in place of that received will be returned in a few days.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 3, 1883.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction the quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1882.

The profits on the Standard Silver Dollars coined during the quarter should be changed to agree with your corrected Bullion Accounts.

As the Subsidiary Silver Coin was made from Bullion charged to you at its coining rate, no subsidiary silver there was no profit on the coining of subsidiary silver during the quarter.

Please return the enclosed statement with

corrected me to present the necessity of specifying the other items.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

February 3, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith four dollars, for which I will thank you to send by return mail - requested - a proof set of the silver and minor coins for the current year, including in the latter specimen pieces of both types of the five cent nickel.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

February 3, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special Assay Coins received at your Mint during the month of January and forwarded to this office have been received. Viz:

2 Eagles	\$20.00
1 Half Eagle	5.00
4 St. Silver Dollars	4.00
40 Cents	4.00
Total Value.	\$33.00

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa.

February 3, 1883.

Sir:

Enclosed find copy of letter from the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, communicating his order to have the defect in the outer door of your coin vault remedied at the earliest day practicable.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard. ✓

Quicks.

Telegram

Editor Telegram.

February 5, 1883.

New York City.

The devices on the five cent piece are original designs of the engraver at the Philadelphia Mint.

Horatio C. Burchard. ✓

Quicks. ✓

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

February 5, 1883.

New Orleans La.

Order to coin eight hundred thousand silver Dollars in February, mailed you on second instant.

Horatio C. Burchard. ✓

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Hon. James B. Pelford.

February 5, 1883.

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you Treasury Statement of Assets and Liabilities, as you requested.

The silver dollars coined from March first 1878 to February first 1883, are \$135,405,080.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard ✓

Quicks.

Assayer in Charge.

Boice O'By.

February 5th 1883.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1883 has been approved for the sum of \$650. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ <u>258.30</u>
Wages of workmen	"	}
Contingent Expenses.	"	
		<u>391.70</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Col. R. W. Batchelder.

February 5th 1883.

Depot Quarter Master.

Washington D.C.

Sir;

I have in my possession a draft in favor of John L. Broadhead for \$300.00 for services during the months of July and August as secretary to the Commission which investigated the management of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. I understand that you desire this draft paid to you on account of certain moneys due you from Mr Broadhead. Upon presentation of the proper power of Attorney from Mr Broadhead, authorizing you to collect the amount, the draft will be placed in your possession.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Assayer in Charge
Charlotte.

February 5, 1883.

Sir;

I have received C. I. #360 covering into the Treasury the amount collected for assays of ore during the fourth quarter 1882 at your institution, but not the report showing the collection under this head.

Please forward the latter and hereafter always forward the reports and certificates together.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte.

February 5, 1883.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1883 has been approved for the sum of \$386.56 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year. viz:

Salaries 1883 \$213.90

Wages of workmen " } 166.66

Contingent Expenses " }

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Helena, Mont.

February 5, 1883.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$25.00 - payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year. viz:

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Salaries.	1883	\$ 700.-
Wages of workmen.	"	800.-
Contingent Expenses.	"	1000.-

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

Helena, Mont.

February 5. 1883.

Sir:

C. I. No 40 for \$231.50 being on account of amount collected for assays of ores 4th Quarter 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 13th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury on personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be carried into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

New York, N. Y.

February 5. 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1883. has been approved for the sum of \$5.600. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ 3100.-
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Wages of workmen	"	1800.-
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Contingent Expenses	"	700.-
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Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

February 5. 1883.

Sir,

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$8,000. - to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

February 5. 1883.

Sir,

C.D. No 1862 for \$8,103.15 being on account of parting & refining charges for December, 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 2nd inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York, N.Y.

February 5. 1883.

Sir,

C.D. No 1863 for \$266.81 being on account of melting & assay & bar charges in Dec. 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 2nd inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury.

as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

February 5, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

10,000 Assayer's reports upon silver bullion.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

February 5, 1883.

Sir:

C.T. No 5681 for \$ 109. - being on account of assays of ores during 4th Quarter 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury on personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

February 5, 1883.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit in your name in the Treasury of the U.S. the sum of Three hundred and eleven thousand, three hundred and forty five ³⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars [311,345.30] as profits on the

Coinage of the silver Dollar, being the balance in your silver Profit Fund Account Sept. 30th 1882. and to have your bullion fund increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

February 5, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 1st inst. I have made requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in your behalf for the sum of \$10,000. payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of the act authorizing the coinage of standard silver Dollars, passed February 28th 1878, to assist in meeting the expenses of your Mmit during the present month.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

February 5, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$800. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 5. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$ 29,000. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883	<u>\$ 3,000.-</u>
Wages of workmen.	"	<u>20,000.-</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>6,000</u>

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 5. 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Your letter of the 2nd inst. transmitting statements of silver purchases from January 16th to 31st inclusive is received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 5. 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

From an examination of your report of assays of Au. & Ag. during the Fourth Quarter of 1882, I notice that for some assays, presumably Bullion or plate, you have charged as low as \$1.00. As no charge is fixed by the regulations for making assays of bullion, I presume that you have been acting under the instructions of 1874 which left the amount to be charged at the discretion of the Superintendent. Different charges

are imposed at the various Mints and Assay Offices for assaying samples of plate and bullion, and I think it desirable that some uniform rate should be fixed for such assays.

I will therefore thank you to inform me what you consider a proper charge for such assays, sufficient at least to cover the expenses of the operation.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quicksilver.

Hon. W. J. Rosecrans.

February 5, 1883.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3 instant enclosing a letter of C. J. Conley, the Assayer in charge of the Charlotte Assay Office, addressed to the Hon. C. Dorr, and requesting me to give you information as to the orders and reasons therefor, which govern the Assayers and Supts of the Mints receiving small deposits of bullion, is received.

The charges imposed upon depositors of base or other bullion containing gold and silver at the coinage Mints, and New York Assay Office, are fixed by the Quicksilver of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary, and are found upon page 7 of the Regulations in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices.

By the same Regulations page 8, paragraph 3, upon the deposit of gold bullion at an Assay Office for payment from the bullion fund, in addition to the Assay Office charge, the same charges are required to be imposed as those of the Mint to which such bullion is to be forwarded for coinage. This is proper and no hardship to the depositor, because if he should send his bullion directly to the Mint to obtain its value in coin, he would be required to pay these charges for parting his bullion. No change has been made in the Regulations

in this respect, except that the charge for transportation authorized to be collected by paragraph 3, has been rescinded. Some of the Assay Office have not been observing this Regulation and upon rescinding the transportation charge on the first of January last, the attention of the officers was called to this provision, requiring them to collect the Mint charges, and they were notified that they must hereafter impose it in all cases.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 5, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$25,500. - payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 3,500.</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>20,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>2,000.</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Supt. Mint.

February 5, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

February 6, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- ✓ 1 High Clerk's book of Silver Bullion Purchased #190 B.
 1 " " " " Gold Deposits and Silver Purchases.
 1 Cash-book - Cashier's.
 2 Books of letters received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

St Louis, Mo.

February 5, 1883.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$422.20 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ 272.20
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Wages of workmen	"	} 15.00
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Contingent Expenses	"	} 15.00
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Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 5, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury in the name of A. London Snowden Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of Three hundred and eleven thousand, Three hundred and forty-four ³⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars.

(\$311,345.30) profits on the Coinage of the Standard silver Dollar, and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Quindor.

Hon Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

February 5, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by reference, of a letter addressed to you by the Am Nelson Quigley Jr. and in compliance with your direction, answer the inquiries therein contained, as far as the information requested, is accessible to me.

First. The coinage of silver dollars to February 1, 1883. The coinage to that date from March 1, 1878, has been \$135,406,080.

Second. Circulation of silver dollars February 1, 1883. The silver dollars coined since March 1, 1878, not in the Mint and Treasury, February 1, 1883, amounted to \$37,874,111.

Third. Silver Certificates in circulation and the amount outstanding February 1, 1883. The Treasurer's statement of assets and liabilities on February 1st 1883 shows silver certificates outstanding \$72,745,470. and in the Treasury \$4,306,650. leaving in circulation \$68,438,820.

Fourth. Price of silver in the London market February 1, 1883. The price of silver bullion at London was 50 $\frac{1}{8}$ d. British Standard (which equals with exchange at par \$1.1097) per ounce fine silver.

Fifth. The value of the standard dollar intrinsically, March 1, 1878 and February 1, 1883. The value of the silver bullion contained in a standard silver dollar was 93 $\frac{46}{100}$ ¢ on the 1st of March 1878 and 85 $\frac{83}{100}$ ¢ on

the 1st of February, 1883.

Sixth. The amount of specie in the Treasury of gold and silver separately, March 1, 1878, and February 1, 1883.

On the 1st of March, 1878, the value of the gold coin and bullion was \$125,988,859.33, of the silver coin and bullion \$8,631,071.89. On the 1st of February, 1883, the value of the gold coin and bullion was \$173,317,833.57 ^{coin & bullion} of the silver ^{\$28,428,171.}

The total amount of U. S. Gold and Silver coin estimated to be in the country on the 1st of February 1883, and the amount held by the Treasury, Banks and in circulation is shown in a table submitted herewith.

Seventh. The amount expended since March 1, 1878, in getting silver dollars into circulation.

The amount expended since the 1st of March 1878, to September 30, 1882 and paid out of the silver profit fund for the transmission of silver dollars from the Mints to Assistant Treasurers, depositors and other offices of the United States, under provisions of Section 3527, Revised Statutes, is \$319,071.87.

Eighth. The amount expended in providing vaults for silver coin since March 1, 1878.

The accompanying memorandum furnished by the Supervising Architect shows \$93,620.43.

Ninth. The amount expended in getting gold coins into circulation. It is impossible to state, how much has been paid, during the same period for the transportation of gold coin from the Mints to the offices of the Assistant Treasurers. I submit a statement showing the amount appropriated, and expended during the fiscal year named for the transportation of gold coin and bullion between the Mints and Assay Offices. the greater part of the expenditure having occurred in transporting bullion from the New York Assay Office to the Philadelphia Mint for coinage and, the resulting coin from that Mint to New York, but I am unable to deter-

mini whether it should be designated as an expenditure in the coinage, or in the distribution of gold coin. Lenth. The amount expended in providing vaults for gold coin since March 1st 1878.

From the statement of Supervising Architect Hill, it appears that nothing has been expended since that period in providing vaults, specifically for such purpose, but one vault at a cost of \$9,912.71 has been constructed at San Francisco, for general use.

The letter of Mr Dingley is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdick,

Director,

Total coin circulation of the United States Sept 1. 1883
and amount held by the Treasury & Banks and in general circulation.

Belonging to	Gold.	Silver.			Total Gold & Silver coin
		Legal tender	Other	Total	
Treasury	\$121,868.451	\$97,530.969	\$27,135.244	\$124,666.213	\$246,534.664
National Banks ⁺	89,989.662	** 5,000.000	1,466.215	6,466.215	96,455.877
Other Banks ⁺⁺	20,000.000	{ 32,874.111	51,962,042	84,836.153	400,357.032
Private hands	295,620,879				
Total	527,378.992	135,405.080	80,563.501	215,968.581	743,347.573

⁺ October 3, 1882
⁺⁺ Estimated

State of circulation February 1, 1883.

	In Treasury	In Banks and other circulation	Total.
Gold Bullion	\$57,449,382		\$57,449,382
Silver Bullion	3,761,958		3,761,958
Gold coin	121,868,451	\$405,510,541	527,378,992
Silver Dollars	97,530,969	37,874,111	135,405,080
Other Silver	27,135,244	53,428,257	80,563,501
Gold Certificates	25,107,300	47,669,640	72,776,940
Silver Certificates	4,306,650	68,438,820	72,745,470
United States Notes	33,592,236	313,088,780	346,681,016
National Bank Notes	10,486,291	350,972,860	361,459,151
Fractional Currency	7,101	7,010,992	7,018,093
Total	375,246,582	1,283,994,001	1,659,239,583

*Circulation of U. S. Coin, February 1, 1883,
and net gain by Coinage and imports from July 1, 1882.*

	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver.</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Total Gold & Silver Coin</i>
		<i>Legal Tender</i>	<i>Other</i>		
<i>Circulation July 1, 1882</i>	\$ 500,882,185	\$ 119,144,780	\$ 80,428,580	\$ 199,573,360	\$ 700,455,545
<i>Coinage to February 1, 1883</i>	25,850,627	16,260,300	463,235	16,723,535	42,574,182
<i>Net imports to January 1, "</i>	1,791,691		188,822	188,822	1,980,513
<i>Total</i>	\$ 528,524,503	135,405,080	\$ 81,080,637	\$ 216,485,737	\$ 745,010,240
<i>Less deposits of U. S. Coin to Jan 1 1883 and amount needed in manufactures</i>	145,511 1,000,000		517,156	517,156	662,667
<i>Total February 1, 1883.</i>	\$ 27,378,992	135,405,080	\$ 80,563,481	\$ 216,968,581	\$ 743,347,573

Statement of amounts appropriated and expended for transportation of Gold Coin and Bullion.

Year	Appropriated		Expended	
1878	\$ 15,000	00	\$ 10,916	27
1879	5,000	00	5,000	00
1880	16,967	50	16,967	50
1881	30,781	50	30,781	50
1882	70,000	00	56,379	75
1883	30,000	00	152	50
Total	\$ 167,748	00	\$ 120,197	52

In addition to the above there was expended during the fiscal year 1879 and 80 the sum of \$56,518.57 from the appropriation for "Transportation of Coin and Bullion" in bringing Gold coin from San Francisco to New York.

There was also a considerable sum expended each year for "Contingent Expenses Independent Treasury" for the transportation of Gold Coin between the Assistant Treasuries.

The sum of \$120,197.52 first mentioned was paid from the appropriation for "Freight on Bullion and coin" almost exclusively for transporting Gold Bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at New York to the Mint at Philadelphia for Coinage and in transporting the resulting coin to New York.

Treasury Department.

Office of the Supervising Architect.

February 3, 1883.

Memorandum of amounts expended for construction of silver vaults since March 1st 1878.

New York Sub Treasury.	\$ 38,687.25
San Francisco " "	17,059.77
" " Mint	9,346.08
Philadelphia " "	6,985.52
" Custom House	13,273.69
Baltimore " "	8,268.18
Total.	\$ 93,620.43

Appropriations have been made for the construction of an additional silver vault for the San Francisco Mint and for enlarging the vault in the Sub Treasury at San Francisco for the storage of silver dollars, in amount ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) each which vaults have not yet been completed.

No vaults have been built since the date named, exclusively for gold coin. A vault for the office of the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, has however, been constructed at a cost of nine thousand nine hundred and ¹¹/₁₀₀ dollars (\$9,912.71—intended for general use.

Genl. S. V. Benet.

February 6, 1883.

Chief of Ordnance.
War Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith nine Army Department Marksman-ship Gold Medals, prepared in accordance with your request of August 1st 1882.

I enclose the bill for the medals, mounting the same, cases, and expensage from Philadelphia, amounting to five hundred and eighty-one dollars (\$581.) and will thank you to cause a draft for that sum to be transmitted, together with the enclosed "Medal Fund Voucher" to A. Gordon Snowden, Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the medals to this office.

Very respectfully,

Nratis C. Birchard.

Director.

Chapt. Assay Office.
New York.

February 6, 1883

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refining expenses Accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending January 31, 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Hon. Wm. Butler.

February 6, 1883.

Judge, U. S. District Court.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Annual Assay Commission, of which you are constituted by law an ex-officio member (Section 3547 Revised Statutes) will assemble at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 14th instant at 10 A. M. to test and examine the fineness and weight of the coins received at the several Mints during the year 1882.

The law does not provide for the payment of any compensation to Assay Commissioners, but your actual necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of this duty, will be allowed at the conclusion of the Assay, upon the presentation at the Philadelphia Mint of your accounts for the same, made in accordance with Treasury Circular, herewith enclosed.

I trust that nothing will prevent you from being present.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Similar letter sent to

N. G. Loring, Esq.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Supt. Mint.

February 6, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th instant forwarding mine Army Department Marksmanship Gold Medals, which I have transmitted together with the bill for the same, to the Chief of Ordnance, War Department, and requested that a draft for the amount of the bill, Two Hundred and eighty-one dollars (\$581) be sent to you.

Very respectfully,

Amos C. Purchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

February 6, 1883.

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you a form now being printed for the use of your office, upon which it is intended the High Clerk shall enter the bullion passing through his hands during each month. The statement is then to be examined by the Superintendent and forwarded to this office.

Please examine the blank and inform me whether the bars received from the Meller and Refiner pass through as is supposed your High Clerk's hands, and if the latter delivers the fine and standard bars to the Cashier.

I am not entirely familiar with your course of business in respect to the receipt and custody of bars, but understood from your explanation of the Bar Clerk's duties that the bars are first received by the High Clerk, passing through the Bar Clerk's hands to the Cashier.

This form (No 228) will be in lieu of form No 226, copies of which were sent you on the 3rd inst (which latter form was intended only to be used at the Mints)

The spaces for entering ounces will be wider on the printed form. If you have any alterations or

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suggestions to propose in respect to this form. I shall be glad to hear from you and will hold the printer's proof for your reply.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 6, 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will transmit to this office sample sheets of the blank forms used by the Assay Commissioners at the Annual assay in selecting pieces from the coinages of each Mint.

Please state if you have a sufficient supply of these blanks for the use of the Commission on the 14th instant.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 6, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry of the 5th instant, whether the proofs to be issued during the remainder of the calendar year in 1883, should contain only the new Five Cent Nickel coin or both the old and the new, I have to say that in my judgement it should include both, as coins of both the old and new device have been coined during the year.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director.

N. G. Torrey.

February 6, 1883.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office.

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your recommendation of Mr Sylvester appointment as one of the Assay Commission was received, presented to the Secretary and considered.

It was found impracticable to appoint him without too largely increasing the number of the Commissioners or omitting others whom it was considered advisable to appoint.

I should be happy however to have Mr Sylvester and another of your Assayers present and assist in the assay of the coins. Mr Sylvester in the silver, and the other in the gold, if they can be spared from the New York Assay Office on Wednesday and Thursday next. Their expenses attending the Assay will be paid in the same manner as those of the Commissioners.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Capt. MITT.

February 6, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

4 Registers of Deposits No 188. B.

1000 Memorandums of Silver Bullion deposited in 44. A. (Extra size)

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

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Telegram.

Chairman Com. on Appropriations.

February 7, 1883.

House of Representatives.

Amount expended for pecuniage of silver coins during the current fiscal year was Thirty Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-two and $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars (\$30,172.10) Twenty-five Thousand of which was the amount appropriated for the pecuniage of uncurrent silver coins in the Treasury, and the remainder - \$5,172.10 was a portion of the \$10,000 appropriated for pecuniage of Gold and Silver Coins in the Treasury.

✓ No Gold coins were received during the past fiscal year nor as yet in the present, but there are light, both gold and silver coins in the Treasury to be received, as soon as the business of the Mint will permit.

There was no appropriation or expenditure for pecuniage in 1882.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Asst. Mint.

February 7, 1882.

Carson.

Sir:

✓ The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 Cashier's monthly statements of Balances Receipts and Payments No. 224.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

February 7, 1883.

Charlotte.

Sir:

✓ I have received your letter of the 3rd inst in relation to the salary paid Mr Hanna, your Assistant, recommending that it be increased in the General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1884. from \$1250. - to \$1500. - per annum.

In reply I would state that while I have no doubt that the amount paid Mr Hanna is not adequate compensation for his abilities and services, and while I would be pleased to see his salary increased and will gladly cooperate with the Senators and Representatives from your state in any effort they may initiate in that direction, in view of the indisposition of Congress to increase salaries, I would not feel justified in initiating any movement in the direction you indicate.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

February 7. 1883.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir;

I received your letter of the 25th ult. explaining the errors in the calculations of silver, and charges on your Abstract Sheets for the Fourth Quarter 1882. There is no good reason why errors should occur in calculating the value of the silver contained in deposit. All such errors involve either a loss to the government or to depositors, and the utmost care should be observed in making the calculations of Standard weight.

In regard to your explanation of the errors in imposing the Parting Charge, I desire to say that it is very satisfactory. The question of how nearly the charges imposed at the Mint on your shipments agree with those collected at your institution, has nothing to do with the error to which your attention was directed.

The charges are fixed by the regulations. The only Mint charge that you have any discretionary power in relation to is the "Toughening Charge". The others should be in all cases those specified in the Regulations.

Your remark that the Instructions issued to us in 1878 have never been repealed is inaccountable to me and in direct conflict with the records of this office.

I find that on August 4th 1880, you were furnished with a copy of the Instructions of 1880 and on ^{and} 5th 1881 with a copy of the Instructions of 1881. Both approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

You certainly must be aware that when a copy of new or revised Regulations is furnished you, they are intended to supersede all prior ones, and if you have any doubt on the subject you have the opportunity of finding out by inquiring of this office.

I send you by to-days mail a copy of the Instructions of 1881 - the last issued and now in force - with a leaf of addenda in the back containing all modifications and additions to date, and you are hereby instructed to follow them in all particulars.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver.

February 7, 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1882, a bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Company for the transportation in the month of April 1882 from Council Bluffs to Denver, of 1 box of merchandise consigned to your care amounting to \$280.16 of which is due the U. P. R. R. proper and \$1.12 the Julesburg branch.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Inspector.

S. Guthrie Esq.

Room 91. Corcoran Building
Washington D. C.

February 7. 1883.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting office of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Company for transportation, in the month of April 1882 from Council Bluffs to Denver, of one box of merchandise, amounting to \$280 \$1.68 of the amount. being due the Union Pacific proper, and \$1.12 the Julesburg branch.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Assayer in Charge.

Nelema.

February 7. 1883.

Sir;

C.D. No 203 for \$222.40 being on account of charges for melting, assaying & stamping 4th Quarter 1882 enclosed in your communication of the has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your future accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

February 7. 1883.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 Cashier's monthly Statements of Balances, Receipts and Payments No. 224.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

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Supt. Mint.

February 7. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. stating the necessity of having funds in your possession by the 14th inst. to pay the expenses of the Annual Assay Commission, and I have requested that the amount of your monthly requisition ^{for funds} be made special.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 7. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your corrected Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended Sept. 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 7. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received by registered mail the proof set of silver and minor coins transmitted as advised by your letter of yesterday.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 100 Cashiers monthly statements of Balances, Receipts and Payments No 224.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

February 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ C.I. No 5686 for \$1053.91 being on account of parting refining, and toughening charges in January 1883, enclosed in your communication of the 6th inst. has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

February 7, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ C.I. No 5687 for \$139.98 being on account of charge for alloy, melting and bars in Jan. 1883, enclosed in your communication of the 6th inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

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Supt. Mint.

February 7. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 100 Cashier's monthly statements of Balances, Receipts and Payments. No 224.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Albert D. Shaw, Esq.

February 7. 1883.

U. S. Consul.

Manchester, England.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 26th ultimo, viz:

3 Copies Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for 1881

3 " " " " " " " " " " " " 1882

2 " Special " on Production of gold & Silver in U.S. '80

2 " " " " " " " " " " " " '81

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank.

February 8. 1883.

San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Reinforced.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram ✓

Samuel Meyer.San Francisco Cal.

" ✓

J. H. Seligman & Co.New York. N. Y.

Telegram Nevada Bank. February 8, 1883.
San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram W. H. Harris. San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Patton & Colorado Smelting Company. February 8, 1883.
Denver Colorado.

✓ Offer of fifty thousand ounces accepted for Philadelphia at one hundred ten and thirty six hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram Nandy & Cronin. February 8, 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

✓ Offer of one hundred and twenty-five thousand ounces accepted for New Orleans, and offer of one hundred thousand accepted for Philadelphia.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram Kansas City Smelting & Refining Works. February 8, 1883.
Kansas City, Mo.

✓ Railroad statements show shipment to you of forty-six car loads of five hundred and twenty four tons each bullion from American Mining Company at Leadville. Your statement does not show receipt of this. What did it produce? Answer by wire.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

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Telegram

Supt. Mint.

February 8. 1883.

New Orleans. La.

✓ Receive from Nandij & Co. one hundred and twenty five thousand ounces at one hundred ten and forty three hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

February 8. 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Cashier's Cash Book was sent on the fifth instant.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

February 8. 1883.

San Francisco. Cal.

✓ Receive from H. H. Nauis seventy thousand ounces at one hundred ten and one eighth cents per ounce fine, from Nevada Bank forty six thousand ounces at one hundred and ten cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

A. M. Croutis. Esq.

February 8. 1883.

155 Broadway.

New York City.

Sir:

✓ I have no knowledge of any new one cent coin. I presume you refer to the Five Cent copper nickel

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicks.

Assayer in Charge.

February 8, 1883.

Denver.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$ 1,000. - payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year. viz:

Salaries 1883 \$ 500. -

Wages of Workmen " 500. -

Very respectfully.

Wm. C. Buchanan.

Quicks.

Assayer in Charge.

February 8, 1883.

Denver.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst complaining that the amounts needed and requested are not transferred promptly to the credit of your Bullion Fund and that your business is embarrassed in consequence and I have referred a copy of it to the Secretary of the Treasury calling his attention to the fact that the abolishment of the charge for transporting deposits to the Mint for coinage will probably largely increase the business of your Mint, and requesting that a sufficient sum be kept to your credit at the U. S. depository in Denver. to enable you to pay deposits promptly.

I am informed that the reason that the transfer orders are not always drawn for the full amount requested is, that the Treasury's general balance with the First National Bank of Denver (that is the U. S. money on deposit there) is not sufficient; that the U. S. money on deposit there consists principally of receipts from revenue, and that it is not desirable to pay the expenses of transporting currency there from other places, if it can be avoided. If your

depositors would be willing to take drafts on New York there will be no trouble in keeping a sufficient amount there to meet all payments.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor.

Assays in Charge.

Helena Man

February 8. 1883.

Sir:

✓ Please forward certificates of deposit, covering into the Treasury your charges and profits, in a separate enclosure from your Bullion Accounts. When enclosed with the vouchers accompanying the latter their receipt at this office is not entered on the record.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor. ✓

Messrs Muchent & Co.

525 Arch St. Philadelphia.

February 8. 1883.

Sir:

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your duplicate receipted bills for 20 tons of Bertha Spelter shipped the U. S. Mmt at San Francisco, on the 4th and 6th ult. amounting to \$2100.80 and \$2100.44 respectively, enclosed in your letter of the 5th inst. The bills have been referred to the Superintendent of the Mmt named with instructions to forward you a draft for the amount on receipt of the goods in proper condition.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor.

N. C. Mann Esq.

February 8, 1883.

Cranston, La.

Sir,

Your letter to the Secretary of the Treasury asking what will be paid for mutilated coins, both gold and silver, has been referred to me for reply.

✓ Enclose find circular which will give you the information as to mutilated silver coins. Mutilated gold coins are received at the mints as bullion, at the coming rate of the fine gold they contain less the cost of melting when deposited in sums of not less than \$100.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 8, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

✓ Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars. To wit of—

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co 50,000 ounces at \$ 1.1036

Ward & Cronin 100,000 " " 1.1043 ✓

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 8, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

✓ I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst inquiring at what value you shall enter in your accounts a

lot of mutilated 3 and 5 cent pieces, from the Treasurer of the U.S. which is blimped on the back probably inadvertently "3 and 5 cent nickel". I learn upon inquiry of the Treasurer that the coins referred to are silver pieces. You will value them in your accounts at what they will coin in silver, say silver, the same as the worn silver coin which you have been receiving for pecuniage.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

February 8, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing bill in duplicate for constructing one Hopper and 6 Counting boards for the Assistant Treasurer in your City, amounting to \$172.93 and have forwarded the same to the Secretary of the Treasury with the request that he will have your appropriation for the current fiscal year reimbursed for the amount as follows:

Wages of workmen \$102.25. Contingent Expenses \$70.68

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Assayer in Charge.

February 8, 1883.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir;

Please forward the certificates of deposit covering into the Treasury your charges and profits, in a separate enclosure from your Bulletin Accounts. When enclosed with the vouchers accompanying the latter their receipt at this office is not entered on the records.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard. Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

February 8. 1883.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from the advances made you from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion" duplicate receipted bills of Merchant & Co. of Philadelphia for 20 tons of Bertha Spelter shipped you on the 4th and 6th ult. amounting to \$2100.80 and \$2100.44 respectively.

On receipt of the goods in proper condition, you will please forward to the firm named, a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 8. 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa of the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty-seven $\frac{44}{100}$ Dollars (\$657.44) in Gold Coin, and Thirteen $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars (\$13.53) in silver coin, making a total of Six Hundred and Seventy $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars. (\$670.97) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 224 dated Feb. 5th 1883, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Sperry & Co

95 Liberty Street.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

February 8, 1883.

In compliance with the request of Mr Frank Sperry I mail you to day copy of the report upon the wastage of silver bullion, which contains in the latter part, a statement of the methods used in the Mints of the United States in separating and assaying gold and silver. I also send you copy of my report for 1880 on the production of gold and silver in the United States.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Ed Wheaton, Esq.

Bookkeeper, U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

February 8, 1883.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 26th ultimo in relation to the forms for keeping Mint accounts prepared by you. I supposed they had been returned to you, and was awaiting their arrival after receiving your relinquishment of any exclusive right to their use.

As soon as the business of the office will permit of their examination and copy, I will send them to the Government Printer. It will probably be some weeks before the proofs reach you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

John Bailey Esq.
Medford. Minn.

February 9, 1883.

Sir;

I have received this day a registered package supposed to contain \$14.20 mutilated silver coin which I have forwarded to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa for his action.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

C. Nialmar Lurahjelm Esq.
Helsingford. Finland.

February 9, 1883.

Sir;

Your note of the 22 ultimo is received. I am happy to hear from you, and will thank you to send me as soon as you are able to obtain the information, a statement giving the production and coinage of gold in Finland during the year 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

February 9, 1883.

Sir;

I forward by registered mail to day a package of mutilated silver coin supposed to contain \$14.20 from John Bailey Medford Minn. to your Mint for proper action.

The package was improperly directed here. Remit proceeds to him.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

February 9, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

From a comparison of the amount appropriated for wages of workmen and adjutives at your Mint for the current fiscal year with the expenditures for the first six months, of the fiscal year, and the amount of your present payroll, I find that there will be a deficiency of between seven and eight thousand dollars in the appropriation for the purpose named.

In order that you may not be embarrassed in paying the force employed at your Mint, I have decided to advance you the sum of ten thousand dollars for each of the months of March April May and June of the present calendar year from the appropriation contained in the first section of the act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, passed February 28, 1878.

If you find it necessary to use these advances it will be preferable to pay the portions of the Coiners Department engaged on work connected with the coinage of the silver dollar from this fund and any other employees whose duties relate to the same coinage.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 9, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

3 Books. Melters and Refiners Gold Deposits.

" " " " Silver Ingots

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

J. R. Inceid Esq.
Senate. P.O.

February 9. 1883.

Sir:

In reply to your note of the 3rd inst in regard to the disposition you can make of the \$2.90 mutilated coin. I have to say, that the only use the Mint could make of these coins is to use the copper and nickel they contain in the coinage of the copper two Cent coin.

You will see by examining the Revised Statutes, that section 3528 requires the metal for that coinage to be purchased by the Superintendent upon public advertisement, and therefore this metal cannot be procured by exchanging mutilated for new coins.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Price City.

February 10. 1883.

Sir:

Please forward your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Dec 31st 1882, upon the receipt of this communication.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Carson. Nev.

February 10. 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. enclosing statement of silver purchased at your Mint during the month of January, 1883, has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 10, 1883.

Carson.

Sir,

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,000. - to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

February 9, 1883

Carson.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1883 has been approved for the sum of \$10,500 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1883	<u>\$2500.-</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>6,000.-</u>
Contingent Expenses,	"	<u>2,000.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in Charge.

February 10, 1883.

Senior. Col.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending January 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Geo. S. Masland, Esq.
247 Broadway, N. Y.

February 10, 1883.

Sir;

Your request of the 7th inst for copies of the tables prepared for Mr Dingley, is received. I send you copy of the table of the estimated metallic circulation of the country on the first of February 1883, which I sent to him, and also some fuller statements of the total paper and metallic circulation on the first of January 1878 and subsequent years, which show approximately the amount of each kind of circulation in the Treasury, in the National Banks, and in general circulation including other Banks. I think this will be interesting and useful, either in reviewing past or forecasting the future monetary movements.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

(For table see the pages 362-363.)

Sup't. Mint.

February 10, 1883.

New Orleans, La.

Sir;

Your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting statement of silver purchased at your Mint during the month of January, 1883, has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon. J. M. Reed.

February 10, 1883.

Territorial Auditor.

Olympia W. T.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a statement showing the assessed valuations of real and personal property in Washington Territory for the year 1880 and also a copy of the report of the Territorial Auditor

for the year 1881, for which please accept my thanks.

I forward by current mail a copy of my special report on Production of gold and silver for the years 1880 and 1881 to your address.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

February 10, 1883.

Sir:

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refining and statistical expense accounts with attachments and vouchers for the month ending January 31, 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quicksilver.

J. G. Ames, Esq.,
Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

February 10, 1883.

Sir:

✓ Please send me a copy of Newton's Report on Geology of the Black Hills.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Quicksilver.

Telegrams
Confirmed. Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

February 12, 1883.

✓ The District Attorney at Nevada City, California, desires the presence of J. K. Jones to testify at a trial for murder and robbery, immediately. His fare each way will be paid and three hundred dollars allowed him for expenses by the State authorities. Leave of absence for that purpose is hereby granted him. You will nominate some one to act as coram in his absence.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

To the Board of Assay Commissioners. 1883.

February 12, 1883.

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to inform you that during the year 1882 the following changes were made in the operations of the Mints. At the Mint at New Orleans the Comr Mr L. R. Jones, assumed the duties of his office on February 10th prior to which time, Mr B. P. Butler was acting Comr; At the Mint at San Francisco Mr C. T. White was Comr, until July 1st at which time Mr C. M. Graham assumed the duties of the office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Edw. T. Bacon, Esq.
San Francisco, Cal.

February 10, 1883.

Sir;

✓ By request of General Rosecrans, I enclose you Circulars giving information as to the method by which you can obtain metal coins from the Philadelphia Mint. As to supplying the Sub Treasury at San Francisco with the coins, I have referred your letter to the Treasurer of the United States for his consideration.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Capt. Mint.

February 12 1883.

Carlson.

Sir;

✓ I enclose herewith draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at San Francisco No 4987 for one hundred and fifty four dollars \$165, being the value of the coins received \$15 in silver, and \$150 in gold) from the coinage of your Mint during the months of July, August, September, October, November and December 1882, and forwarded for

specialist as prescribed by the Regulations. Please acknowledge the receipt of the draft.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver.

February 12, 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Office of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Kansas Division of the Union Pacific Railroad for the transportation in the month of August 1882, from Kansas City to Denver, of 1 box of stationery consigned to your care, amounting to \$3.14 payable from the Appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" of your Unit for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

February 12, 1883

Room 91, Corcoran Building.

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Office of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Kansas Division of the Union Pacific Railroad for the transportation in the month of August 1882 from Kansas City to Denver of 1 box of stationery amounting to \$3.14.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Hon John. P. Jones.

February 10, 1883.

United States Senate.

I mail you to day, in accordance with your verbal request, statements showing the state of the circulation including bullion in the Treasury as well as coin, and gold and silver Certificates and fractional currency issued, on the first of January from 1878 to the present time; and for the month of February 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

February 12, 1883

New York.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

300 Fine Gold Bar Books No 165.

500 Fine Silver " " " 166

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 12, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I enclose herewith draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New Orleans, No 4311 for one hundred and eighty four dollars (\$184) being the value of the coins received (\$24. in silver, and \$160 in gold, including 16 Eagles received from Delivery No 1 November 12, 1882) from the coinage of your Mint during the months of July, August, September, October, November and December 1882, and forwarded for special list as prescribed by the Regulations. Please acknowledge the receipt of the draft.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

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Supt. Mint.

February 12, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

The following coins received at your mint during the month of January for special assay and forwarded to this office have been received, viz:

1 Eagle	<u>\$10.00</u>
5 Lt Silver Dollars	<u>6.00</u>
Total Value	<u>\$16.00</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia No 21198 for one hundred and one dollars and fifty cents (\$101.50) being the value of the coins received (\$26.80 in silver and \$75. in gold) from the coinage of your mint during the months of July, August, September, October, November and December, 1882, and forwarded for special test as prescribed by the regulations.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the draft.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The package forwarded by you per Adams Express, on the 7th instant containing \$1071.14 being the net proceeds of the gold and silver chips and bars sent you January 31st by the Assayer of this Bureau has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 12, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I send you by express to day a box containing the record book of the Annual Assay Commission and papers relating to the annual Assay, which I will thank you to retain in your possession until my arrival at the Mint on the 14th inst.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

February 12, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I enclose herewith draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco No 4988 for Four hundred and eighty three dollars (\$483) being the value of the coins received (\$23 in silver, and \$460 in gold) from the coinage of your Mint during the months of July, August, September, October, November and December, 1882, and forwarded for special test as prescribed by the Regulations. Please acknowledge the receipt of the draft.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

February 12, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing Quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended, December 31st. 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

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Supt. Mint.

February 12, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ The following coins received at your Mint during the month of January for special assay and forwarded to this office have been received viz:

2 Double Eagles

\$40.00

4 St. Sil Dollars

4.00

Total value \$44.00

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 12, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day. viz:

1 Gold Bullion Register M. & R. Dept.

1 Store Receipt Ledger.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

R. S. St. John Esq.

February 12, 1883.

Des Moines Iowa.

Sir:

✓ I enclose herewith eighty-five cents, the value of the gold sent by you to the Treasurer of the United States. January 29th and by him referred to me.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Allegans. Prof. Wm N. Chandler.

February 13. 1883.

Lehigh University.

Lehigh, Pa.

✓ You have been appointed by the President as a member of the Assay Commission which meets tomorrow at the Philadelphia Mint. Ten A.M. Can you be there at that time.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Prof. Wm N. Chandler.

February 13. 1883.

Lehigh University.

Lehigh Pa.

Sir:

The President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to test and examine the fineness of the coins received from the several Mints for the year 1882.

✓ The Commission will assemble at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 14th instant at 10 A.M. and probably be in session two or three days. The law does not provide for the payment of any compensation to Assay Commissioners but your actual necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of this duty will be allowed at the conclusion of the Assay, upon the presentation at the Philadelphia Mint of your account for the same made out in accordance with Treasury Circular herewith enclosed. Please notify this office of your acceptance of this appointment. I enclose for your information a copy of the laws relating to the Annual Assay Rules for Organization and Proceedings of the Commission of 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Gen L. J. Atkins

February 13, 1883.

Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Gen. Atkins

In our conversation on our way to Mr. Holt's I stated to you rather bluntly, I thought there was nothing in the point the Freeport Republican made as to the diminution of the gold balance in the Treasury, although it was a very well written article, and I agreed in the conclusion that we had better suspend silver coinage.

I send you copies of some tables I made out some time ago, showing the amount of circulation in the country on the first of January and July 1882, and first of February 1883 by which you will see that although the coin and bullion diminished from January to July, it largely increased from the latter date to February, during which period we have largely gained.

Very truly yours.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Assayer in Charge.

February 13, 1883.

Bosch. City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1883 has been approved for the sum of \$622. - payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$233.40
Wages of workmen	"	}
Contingent Expenses	"	
		388.60

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Assayer in Charge.

February 13, 1883.

Powell City.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending January 31st. 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

February 13, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

C. D. No. 623 for \$ 1475.52 being on account of refining earnings for January 1883. enclosed in your communication of the 5th inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bulletin accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Minit.

February 13, 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

C. D. No 624 for \$ 52.70. being on account of charges other than parting & refining enclosed in your communication of the 5th inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bulletin accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon. Clement Dorr.

February 13, 1883.

House of Representatives

Sir;

I have your letter of the 8th inst. and in reply would say, that I shall be very happy to cooperate with yourself and Senators Vance and Ransom to increase the salary of the Assistant Assayer Mr Hanna, who is a learned and skillful assayer, and whose compensation I would be glad to see fixed at a higher salary.

Very respectfully & truly yours.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon John. Jay Know.

February 13, 1883.

Comptroller of the Currency.

Sir;

The Annual Assay Commission of which you are constituted by law an ex officio member (Section 3547 Revised Statutes) will assemble at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 14th inst. at 10 a m. to test and examine the fineness and weight of the coins received at the several Mints during the year 1882.

The law does not provide for the payment of any compensation to Assay Commissioners, but your actual necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of this duty, will be allowed at the conclusion of the Assay, upon the presentation at the Philadelphia Mint, of your accounts for the same, made in accordance with Treasury Circular, herewith enclosed. I trust that nothing will prevent you from being present.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Gen. S. Mansland. Esq.

February 13, 1883.

New York City.

Sir;

I send you additional tables showing the state of the circulation at the beginning of the years 1881 and 1882. I shall prepare, when data has been obtained, a similar statement for January first 1883.

The effective circulation appears in the third column although a portion in the banks and in the Treasury, not required to be held as a reserve for other circulation, is really a portion of the active circulation of the country.

Mr. Kim in his reports does not rate gold or silver Certificates as circulation, as they require coin to be held in their place, but coin reserve is also held for United States notes, and coin and legal tender notes are held in banks as well as in the Treasury for redemption of National Banks' notes.

I therefore think the proper way is to state the total amount of bullion, coin and paper used as reserve, and the amount held by the Treasury, banks &c, as I have done.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burichard.

Sec'dy.

Supt. Mint.

February 13, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1883. has been approved for the sum of \$12650. - payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year. viz:

Salaries.	1883	\$ <u>2400.</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>7250.</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>3000.</u>

Very respectfully. Horatio C. Burichard. Sec'dy.

Theodore Beauducha.

88 Fulton St.

New York.

February 13, 1883.

Sir;

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day as requested in your letter of the 12th inst. viz; Production of gold and silver for the years 1880 & 1881.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.Philadelphia.

February 13, 1883.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 12th inst. in relation to your requisition of 8th June last for a "Storekeepers Ledger" I have to say, that your letter of that date, with enclosure was in some way mislaid, and went into the files of the office without action.

I send you by mail, for temporary use, a blank 5^{equi} ledger, bound as you describe and with ruling similar to the book used by you for the storekeepers purpose.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.Philadelphia.

February 13, 1883.

Sir.

C/I. No. 27,972, for \$311,345.30, being the balance in your Silver Profit Fund Account September 30th 1882, made in your name by the Secretary of the Treasury at my request, has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bulletin account, and the amount to be carried into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous Receipt".

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

February 13. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa of the sum of One Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-two ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 1682.88) in gold coin and Twelve ⁷⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 12.74) in silver coin making a total of One Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-four ⁶²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 1694.62) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 254, dated Feb. 9 1883. of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Genl O. V. Singleton.

February 13, 1883.

House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

In accordance with your request, I have mailed to Leri N. Manning copies of my report on the production of the precious metals for 1880 and 1881.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

J. C Smith. Esq.
Springfield, Ill.

February 13, 1883

Sir;

I have your letter of the 9th inst. recommending the application of Mrs Barbara Holz for a position for her daughter in the San Francisco Mint. The appointments are made as you are probably aware, by the officers

in charge, or by the Superintendent subject to my approval.
I have forwarded the paper to the Superintendent of the
San Francisco Mint, calling his attention to your letter.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director. ✓

Mrs Barbara Volz.

February 13, 1883.

934 Fillmore Street.

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Madam;

✓ General J. C. Smith has written me and enclosed your letter to him in regard to the appointment of your daughter Lizzie in the San Francisco Mint.

As you will note by the enclosed Circular, all appointments are made by the Superintendent. I have forwarded the papers to him with my endorsement, and have called his attention to Gen. Smith's letter containing your application.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Director. ✓

Hon Nelson Dingley, Jr.

February 13, 1883

House of Representatives.

Sir;

✓ In compliance with your verbal request I have prepared and send herewith table showing the state of the paper circulation of the United States, including gold and silver coin and bullion, Treasury certificates, United States and National Bank notes and fractional currency, on the first of January 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882 and 1883 and the amounts respectively held by the Treasury, the banks and in active circulation as far as practicable.

The statement of the coin circulation is based upon an estimate of one hundred and thirty-five millions of gold coin and five millions of silver coin in the country

on the thirtieth of June 1873 adding to those amounts the subsequent gain or loss by the respective dates by Coinage less re-coinage, imports less exports and with deduction for loss by abrasion and use in the arts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buichard,

Director.

State of circulation January 1st. 1879.

	<u>In Treasury</u>	<u>In banks</u> (National)	<u>In active Circulation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gold Bullion	\$ 6,703,090.91	\$	\$	\$ 6,703,090.91
Silver Bullion	11,057,140.74			11,057,140.74
Gold Coin	128,677,548.51	18,833,588.63	125,766,577.76	273,271,767.00
Silver Dollars	16,697,338.00		5,798,212.00	22,495,550.00
Other silver coin	2,803,054.81	6,428,916.69	63,789,190.50	73,021,162.00
Gold Certificates	391,420.00	16,205,620.00	5,365,480.00	
Silver "	2,082,770.00	31,640.00		24,076,830.00
United States notes	69,582,505.38	70,561,233.00	206,599,312.62	346,743,051.00
National Bank "	8,469,162.12	19,535,588.00	295,786,923.88	323,791,674.00
Fractional Currency	78,567.55	475,538.50	7,178,114.57	7,732,226.62
<u>Total</u>	<u>246,544,598.02</u>	<u>132,072,116.82</u>	<u>710,309,351.33</u>	<u>1,088,894,426.27</u>

State of circulation January 1st. 1880.

	<u>In Treasury</u>	<u>In banks (National)</u>	<u>In Active Circulation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gold Bullion	\$ 61,634,318.29	\$	\$	\$ 61,634,318.29
Silver "	4,492,421.19			4,492,421.19
Gold Coin	96,156,003.55	60,104,792.73	170,613,285.72	326,874,082.00
Silver Dollars	33,168,064.00	4,902,308.86	11,985,277.14	50,055,650.00
Other silver coin	18,881,629.15		58,860,414.85	77,742,044.00
Gold Certificates	740,960.00	11,596,140.00		12,337,100.00
Silver "	4,888,658.00	228,080.00	3,596,172.00	8,712,910.00
United States notes	22,660,493.88	54,725,096.00	269,295,426.12	346,681,016.00
National Bank "	3,242,707.58	16,392,998.00	321,566,892.42	341,202,598.00
Fractional Currency	68,864.23	387,447.02	6,842,058.53	7,298,369.78
<u>Total</u>	<u>245,934,119.87</u>	<u>148,336,862.61</u>	<u>842,759,626.78</u>	<u>1,237,030,509.26</u>

State of Circulation January 1. 1881.

	<u>In Treasury</u>	<u>In banks.</u> (National)	<u>In Active Circulation</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Gold Bullion	\$ 95,260,851.06	\$	\$	\$ 95,260,851.06
Silver "	6,183,224.05			6,183,224.05
Gold Coin	61,481,244.71	92,184,943.00	241,783,739.29	395,449,927.00
Silver Dollars	48,198,518.00	5,976,557.92	25,262,718.08	79,429,794.00
Other Silver Coin	24,769,057.32		52,762,113.68	77,531,171.00
Gold Certificate	130,000.00	7,557,200.00	33,644,671.00	52,241,871.00
Silver "	9,454,419.00	1,454,200.00		
United States Notes	16,741,418.06	59,216,934.00	271,783,408.94	346,741,761.00
National Bank "	4,242,828.20	21,549,367.00	318,563,007.80	344,355,203.00
Fractional Currency	53,665.64	389,921.75	6,703,942.73	7,147,530.12
Total.	265,507,726.04	188,329,123.67	950,503,621.52	1,404,340,471.23

State of Circulation January 1. 1882

	<u>In Treasury</u>	<u>In Banks.</u> (National)	<u>In Active Circulation</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Gold Bullion	\$ 87,977,602.65	\$	\$	\$ 87,977,602.65
Silver "	3,607,829.86			3,607,829.86
Gold Coin	84,639,864.73	101,115,387.70	301,790,400.30	487,546,652.73
Silver Dollars	69,589,937.00	6,800,511.90	28,988,450.10	105,378,899.00
Other Silver Coin	25,963,641.48		54,593,466.00	80,557,107.48
Gold Certificate		4,621,500.00		
Silver "	6,359,910.00	1,143,420.00	61,738,520.00	73,863,350.00
United States Notes	25,992,799.99	60,114,387.00	260,633,749.01	346,740,936.00
National Bank "	5,677,691.82	24,190,534.00	332,553,762.98	362,421,988.00
Fractional Currency	18,696.26	366,361.52	6,690,869.14	7,075,926.92
Total.	309,827,972.99	198,352,102.12	1,046,989,217.53	1,555,169,292.64

State of Circulation January 1. 1883.

	<u>In Treasury</u>	<u>In banks and actual circulation</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Gold Bullion	\$ 51,981,432	\$	\$ 51,981,432
Silver "	4,468,193		4,468,193
Gold Coin	119,523,136	404,609,711	524,132,847
Silver Dollars	94,016,842	38,988,238	132,955,080
Other Silver	26,521,692	53,973,953	80,495,645
Gold Certificates	25,105,030	39,514,810	64,619,840
Silver "	4,405,000	68,443,660	72,848,660
United States Notes	28,454,394	318,285,917	346,740,311
National Bank "	6,532,020	356,119,149	362,651,169
Fractional Currency	6,344	7,015,730	7,022,074
<u>Total.</u>	<u>361,014,083</u>	<u>1,280,901,168</u>	<u>1,647,915,251</u>

First Auditor

February 14, '83

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the Quarter ending Dec 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Robt. Beall, Esq.

February 14, 1883

Bookeller, #495 Pa. Ave.

Washington City.

Sir:

Your bill of the 31st ultimo for books purchased for the use of this bureau, amounting to \$37. - has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting

Office of the Department for examination and settlement.
In the course of ten days a draft for the amount
will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

February 14, 1883.

Charlotte N.C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper Accounting Office of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter 1882, approved except as to the payment of the following gold deposits, viz:

Date.	Number.	Depositor.	Value of Gold contained.	Correct Val.
Oct. 12,	433	<u>E. Gylton Spilburg</u>	<u>\$8.54</u>	<u>\$9.39</u>
✓ " 13	436	<u>A. G. Brenner</u>	<u>3.09</u>	<u>2.96</u>
" 14	438	<u>J. N. Shelly</u>	<u>12.55</u>	<u>14.10</u>
" "	439	<u>D. Goldberg</u>	<u>1.95</u>	<u>1.74</u>
" 16	443	<u>J. N. Shelly</u>	<u>2.58</u>	<u>5.44</u>
" 21	452	<u>D. Goldberg</u>	<u>.68</u>	<u>.78</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

February 14, 1883.

Charlotte N.C.

Sir:

Referring to your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter 1882, you are hereby instructed to close out your Transportation Account and carry the balance \$34.69 to credit of "Profit and Loss" and deposit it in the U. S. Treasury as a "Miscellaneous Earning."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
Helena, Mont.

February 14, 1883.

Sir:

I have this day requested that your bullion fund be increased \$100,000 by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
 Secretary of the Treasury.

February 14, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. be increased, One Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Anglo Californian Bank.
San Francisco, Cal.

February 15, 1883.

Your offer accepted.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram. J. B. Colgate.
J & W. Seligman & Co

47 Wall Street, New York.
New York. N. Y.

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Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company.
Denver Col.

February 15. 1883.

✓ Your offer of forty thousand ounces accepted for New Orleans
at one hundred ten and sixteenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Wandy & Grouse.

February 15. 1883.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

✓ One hundred thousand ounces of your offer accepted
for Philadelphia balance declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Daniel Meyer.

February 15. 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Your offer of twenty thousand at one hundred and ten
cents accepted other declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

February 15. 1883.

New Orleans, La.✓ Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty
thousand ounces at one hundred and ten and sixteenths
cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

February 15. 1883.

San Francisco.✓ Receive from Anglo Californian Bank, one hundred and fifty
thousand ounces, and Daniel Meyer twenty thousand ounces
both at one hundred and ten cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

✓ Supt. Mint.

February 16, 1883.

Carson, Nev.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officer of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Central Pacific Railroad Co. for the transportation in the month of September 1882, from San Francisco to Reno, of three crates and one cask of Dipping cups, consigned to your care amounting to \$46.81 payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

February 15, 1883.

Room 91 Corcoran Building

Washington, D. C.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officer of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for the transportation in the months of August and September, 1882, of fourteen hundred and twenty-three slabs of spelter from Ogden to San Francisco, and three crates and one cask Dipping Cups from San Francisco to Reno, amounting to \$314.70.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

✓ Supt. Assay Office.

February 15, 1883.

New York.

Sir;

C/S. No 1896 for \$172.44 being on account of melting alloy and bar charges in January 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 14th instant has been received

properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury
personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts
and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a
Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York

February 15, 1883.

Sir,

Cep. I. No 1897 for \$8077.47 being on account of parting
& refining charges in January, 1883, enclosed in your
communication of the 14th inst. has been received, properly
endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury,
personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts
and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the
credit of the appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia

February 15, 1883.

Sir,

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at
the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at
your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for
the amounts respectively named, which you will receive
and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars
or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in
silver dollars, to wit: of -

J & W. Seligman & Co	25,000 ounces at	\$1.1039
" " "	25,000 " "	1.1047
" " "	25,000 " "	1.1052
" " "	25,000 " "	1.1059

J. B. Colgate & Co 30,000 ounces at \$ 1.1060
Nandy & Cronise 100,000 " " 1.1056

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

February 15, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir,

✓ I have approved and referred to the proper accounting
 Officers of the Department for examination and settlement
 a bill of the Central Pacific Railroad Co. for the trans-
 portation from Ogden to San Francisco, in the month of
 May 1882, of fourteen hundred and twenty three slabs of
 spelter consigned to your care amounting to \$298.19 pay-
 able from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Hon Charles J. Folger.

February 15, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference of a
 letter from the Hon Frank Hiscok, Chairman House
 Committee on Appropriations, dated the 14th inst. in
 relation to prohibiting by law the reception of bullion at
 the Mints below 900 M fine, and to reply as follows.

✓ Section 3519 R. S. provides that "any owner of gold
 bullion may deposit the same at any Mint, to be form-
 ed into coin or bars for his benefit. It shall be law-
 ful however, to refuse any deposit of less value than
 one hundred dollars, or any bullion so base as to be un-
 suitable for the operations of the Mint." This is the only
 limitation which the law provides as to the reception
 of deposits of gold bullion at the Mints.

Under the law as it at present stands, silver bullion is only received to be made into bars, the bullion, for the silver coinage being purchased by the Government at a rate below the assaying value of the coin.

To suppose it was ever contemplated that bullion below 900 m fine should be classed as unsuitable for the operations of the Mint is contrary not only to the implied intention of the law, which provides in Section 3524 for a charge for refining when bullion is below standard (or 900 m.) but also to the general practice and experience at the Mints. The Government has at these institutions extensive refineries with skilled laborers and other facilities for economically refining for the benefit of the producers of bullion the deposits which they bring to be converted into coin or bars. To prohibit by law the reception of bullion below 900 m would practically close the Mints to minor and small producers and compel them to send their bullion to private refineries before it could be deposited in the Mints.

In regard to the remark that it is said that this "will save a large wastage" I am not aware that there is any larger wastage on bullion below 900 m fine at the Mints than on bullion above that grade.

During the fiscal year 1882 there were refined, at the acid refineries of the coinage mints and the New York Assay Office, 12,465,344 ounces of gold and silver of the value of over thirty-five million dollars. The value of the precious metals wasted during the year amounted to \$36,658.93, while surplus bullion of the value of \$38,414.43 was recovered making a net excess over and above the entire amount of bullion wasted of \$1,755.50 showing that on the large amount of gold and silver bullion operated upon (over twelve million ounces) there was an absolute gain to the Government in bullion of over seventeen hundred dollars. With reference to the

remark that a provision of law against the reception of bullion below 900 in fine would materially reduce the force in the melting and refining departments of the mints, I would say, that such would doubtless be the effect, but the force now engaged in these departments in refining bullion below or above this grade of fineness is paid, as well as the cost of the materials employed and the postage from the charges collected of depositors for these operations, as provided by paragraph 8, page 379 of volume 1 of the supplement to the Revised Statutes, so that as a matter of economy there would be no saving to the Government in this respect.

In my judgment the legislation suggested would be an unwise measure, as it would place the producers of the precious metals entirely at the mercy of brokers and private refiners. I return herewith Mr. Ascher's letter, as requested.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Capt. Mint.

February 16, 1883.

Carson.

✓ Offer of Stevenson received too late, and is declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Wandy & Cronie.

February 16, 1883.

24 Nassau Street,

New York.

✓ The amount that will be bought next week depends upon the amount secured in lots of less than ten thousand ounces between this time and the next purchasing day.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge
Bowie City.

February 16. 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting office of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Central Pacific Rail Road Company for the transportation in the month of August 1882, of four cases of Assayer's supplies from San Francisco to Kilton, consigned to your care, amounting to \$3.22 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
Bowie City.

February 16. 1883.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Office of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for articles of Stationery shipped you during the month of December 1882, as per enclosed copy, amounting to \$45.66 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your institution for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Bradley & Co
 No 66 N. 4th St. Phila.
 Gentlemen.

February 16. 1883.

The following Report of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day as requested in your letter of the 14th inst. referred to this Bureau by Hon. A. C. Warner, viz. Annual Report of the Director for 1880.

1881 and 1882. — Laws of the U. S. relating to loans and currency 1878.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

February 16. 1883

Room 91, Corcoran Building
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for the transportation in the month of August 1882 from San Francisco to Kellin, of four cases of Assayer's supplies consigned to the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, amounting to \$8.22.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Quiclor.

Assayer in Charge
Charlotte.

February 16. 1883.

Sir:

Ref. I. No 360 for \$54. — Being on account of assays of ore quarter ended Dec 31. 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your account, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Messrs Handy & Cronin.

February 16, 1883.

#24 Nassau Street.

New York City.

Gentlemen,

I have to inform you that your offer of silver was not received yesterday until 2.30 P. M. and after the other offers had been scheduled and acted upon by the Commission. In future you will forward your offers in time to reach this office, not later than 2. P. M.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Hon A. C. Warner.

February 16, 1883.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have this day forwarded to the Bradley Publishing Company Philadelphia, copies of the annual report of the Quictor of the Mint for the years 1880, 1881, and 1882, and also copy of the Laws of the U. S. relating to coin currency and crimage 1878, which contains the information desired, as requested in your reference of the 15th inst.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

February 16, 1883

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bulletin Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending December 31, 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Supt. Mint,

February, 17, 1883.

San Francisco.

C. A. Washburn desires extension of lease until March tenth without pay.

There is no objection to granting it on condition named.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

First Auditor.

February 17, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the months ending Nov 30 & Dec 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

First Auditor

February 17, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Refining expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending January 31st, 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Treasury Auditor.

February 17, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana for the two quarters ending Dec. 31st, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 17, 1883.

Carlton, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th instant making requisition for 5 tons of pigot copper for the use of the refining of your Mint. Before purchasing this copper I desire to be informed, whether the entire lot of copper purchased by you, about two years since and costing some \$8,000 has been used. It was stated by you at that time, that the copper could not be used for alloy, but was suitable only for refining purposes.

You will please advise me by telegraph as to the necessity of the purchase of 5 tons copper for which you make requisition.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

February 17, 1883.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending November 30th.

1882. with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

February 17th 1883.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting
✓ offices of the Department for examination and settlement
your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending
December 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Assayer in Charge

February 17. 1883.

Helena, Mont.

Sir;

I have received your communication of the 8th inst.,
explaining certain entries in your Bullion Accounts
for the Quarter ended Sep. 30 1882. and enclosing state-
ments showing in detail the shipments of bullion from
your institution to the Mint at Philadelphia and the
Assay Office at New York, and the values allowed at
the institutions named. I have carefully examined the
statements, and find them correct, and have forwarded
them to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury with a copy
of your letter, to be used in the examination of your
Bullion Accounts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. |

Assayer in charge
Selena, Mont.

February 17, 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Sep 30 & Dec 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

E. W. Marcellan, Esq.
 Genl. Supt. Pacific Express Company.
 Omaha, Nebraska.

February 17, 1883.

Sir;

I am in receipt of a communication from R. B. Harrison Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Selena, Mont. stating that the Agent of your Company at that point, has received instructions from your Assistant Superintendent at Salt Lake, to may bill bullion shipped from that office to the U. S. Assay Office at New York to collect on delivery.

The transportation charge on this bullion can only be paid from an appropriation for that purpose, upon an account stated at the Treasury Department in favor of your Company, just the same as is now done to other express companies for such services. These accounts are paid monthly, and unless your company is willing to deliver the bullion to the Assay Office at New York and present your bill for the freight on the same, to this office, other arrangements will have to be made for the shipment of gold bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at Selena to New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard.

Director.

P. S. I enclose herewith for your information, copy of Mr Harrison's letter.

Messrs Handy & Cronin.
 24 Nassau Street.
 New York.

February 17. 1883.

Gentlemen,

The inquiry in your letter of the 16th inst as to whether Mr. Merrill will be able to get through an authorization to limit the coinage of the standard dollar has been held for my reply, to which I can only answer. I am unable to give an opinion upon the subject.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans. La.

February 17. 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending January 31st. 1883.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

February 17. 1883.

Sir:

Enclosed find account of the Hon. H. G. Fisher for his expenses while in attendance as Chairman of the "Committee on Coinage weights and measures", at the Annual Assay by your request, and my own.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard.
 Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 17. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Refining Expense account for the month ending January 31. st. 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver

Supt. Mint.

February 17. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

Referring to your Ordinary Expense account for Jan. 1883 your attention is invited to the enclosed bill of Messrs Langley and Michaels - voucher #280 - the last item of which cannot be verified. Please inform how the result is arrived at, and return without delay.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver

Hon Chas G. Folger.

February 17. 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver

Supt. Minit.

February 19, 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

I forward by 5 days mail 80 Blank statements No 223, showing the monthly balances of bullion and coin belonging to the bullion accounts and 100 Cashier's statements No 222, a. showing the balances receipts and payments belonging to the bullion accounts which I will thank you to fill up and forward for the month of January 1883 and hereafter forward a copy of each statement promptly at the close of every month.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Similar letter sent to✓ Supt. Minit.✓ New Orleans. La.

" "

✓ Philadelphia. Pa

" "

✓ San Francisco. Cal.Just Auditor.

February 19, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City for the month ending January 31st 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

C. Collard Adams, Esq.

February 19, 1883.

Fort Dodge. Iowa.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Quictor of the Minit have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of

the 30th of January to Hon C. C. Carpenter and referred
by him to this Bureau, viz:

Production of Gold and silver for 1880 & 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Joseph Albrecht, Esq.

February 19, 1883.

Assayer U. S. Mint.

New Orleans, La.

Sir,

I have your telegram of the 17th instant stating that
"Having reasons to believe that a number of gold coins
from the delivery of November 22nd 1882 are beyond the
legal limits in weight as well as fineness and re-
questing that instructions be given the Superintendent
to have these coins reweighed singly in the presence of
the officers, and that you be permitted to place your
seal on the bags", and in reply I have to state that
before acting upon your request or ordering the gold pieces
now sealed up in the presence of the Superintendent to be
taken out and weighed singly, I desire to be informed as
to what facts in your own knowledge or information from
a reliable source leads you to believe the coins are light in
weight. I feel no security for putting your seal on the
bags containing the coin for your protection as their
fineness could not be reduced without remelting them.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon C. C. Carpenter.

February 19, 1893.

House of Representatives.

Sir,

I have forwarded to Mr C. Coland Adams, Fort Dodge
Iowa, a copy of special report on Production of Gold

and silver for the years 1880 & 1881 as requested.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Quicksilver.

Assayer in charge.

Charlotte, N.C.

February 19, 1883.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account with attach and voucher for the month ending January 31st 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Quicksilver.

F. C. Gording Esq.

Rochester, Minnesota.

February 19, 1883.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. requesting a pamphlet giving the weight, value percentage of alloy &c. of the different gold and silver coins, I transmit you by current mail a copy of the Quicksilver report for 1878, containing on pages 35 to 38, the tables you desire. This comprises all the information at our disposal.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Johnson Bros.

#1202 S. St. City.

February 19, 1883.

Gentlemen,

Your bill of the 14th inst. for 2 tons of Lee M. A. Coal purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau amounting to \$13.90 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting

offices of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Irvin C. Michels, Esq.

February 19, 1883.

501 Locust Street.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst calling my attention to the standard coin of the Argentine Republic as shown by Treasury circular No. 1, I refer you to a dispatch from the United States Consul to the Argentine Republic, published on page 96 of my report for the fiscal year 1882, which I transmit herewith.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

February 19, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

In reply to that portion of your communication of the 14th inst which relates to William McBay, a workman in the Meltin and Refining Department of your Mint, I would say, that if the person named, or any other employee of the Mint, fails to perform in a satisfactory manner the duties entrusted to him, or does not in the judgment of the Superintendent render to the Government a fair equivalent in labor for the compensation received, it is the duty of the Superintendent to remove him.

In so far from the duties of the Superintendent being merely clerical, formal and not discretionary, the law gives him supervisory power over both the business of

the Mint, and of the officers and all persons employed therein. The failure of the person named to render to the Government any service is therefore a matter which you should very properly take notice of, and exercise supervisory power, subject to the approval of the Director.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 19, 1883.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter addressed to Joseph Albrecht Assayer of your Mint, which I will thank you to deliver to him.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 19, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to the last item in the bill of J. L. Lyons Voucher #100 of your Ordinary Expenses Account for the month of January 1883 viz: 5 galls. Turpentine at 68¢ & \$3.40 I will thank you to inform me how you happened to pay more for this article than the price contracted for with the same party. viz: 50¢ & per gallon

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

February 19, 1883.

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refining Expense accounts for the month ending January 31st 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

February 19, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment a bill in duplicate, of Fredrick Eckfeldt for expenses incurred in connection with the late Annual Assay.

Please forward draft by return mail.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

S. L. Pollock, Esq.,

February 19, 1883.

Clerks Office.

U. S. District Court.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your bill of the 10th inst for services as Stenographer to Mr R. C. Preston, amounting to \$16.40 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

February 20. 1883.

Carson, Nor.

✓ Notify sellers of silver that offers for the sale of silver this week will be considered at two P. M. Friday, the twenty-third inst.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Similar Telegram sent to.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

February 20. 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Register of deposits for fourth quarter not received
forward same without delay.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

February 20. 1883.

Philadelphia.

✓ Please send twenty dollars in new nickels to day.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks. ✓

Messrs. J. & B. Colgate & Co
#47 Wall Street N. Y.

February 20. 1883.

✓ Gentlemen:

Thursday the 22nd being a legal holiday, offers for the sale of silver this week, will be considered on Friday, the 23rd at 2 P. M.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Similar letter sent to.✓ Nash & Cromie24 Nassau St. New York.✓ J. & W. Seligman & Co.New York, N. Y.

Supt. Mint.

February 20. 1883.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of \$1410.- in gold coin, and \$595.- in silver coin, making a total of \$1,995.- the same being the value of coins of the calendar year, 1882 received and forwarded for trial at the annual assay and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 20. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz;

1500 Memorandums of Silver Bullion No 44.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 20. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$130.- in gold coin and \$305.5.- in silver coin, making a total of \$3.185.- the same being the value of coins of the calendar year 1882, received and forwarded for trial at the annual assay and now in the custody of the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

February 20, 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing statement of gold bars exchanged for gold coin, during the month of January 1883, has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

February 20, 1883.

Sir:

I enclose a proof of the new form of Cashier's monthly Statement of Coin and Bar Balances and Receipts and Expenditures relating to the Bullion Fund, of your office. Please examine and return the same with note of any changes that may suggest themselves.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

February 20, 1883.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 19th inst. asking for advances from the appropriations for "Contingent Expenses" of your Mint, and for the manufacture of silver dollars, to enable you to pay for the Electric Light plant, and for copper purchased for alloying silver dollars. It is not desirable, and has not been the practice to make advances in the middle of the month, except in special cases, and I would suggest that you leave the bills referred to unpaid until you receive the amount of your requisition for next month, and that you increase your requisitions for advances for that.

month, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" and the Coinage of standard dollars" to a sufficient amount to enable you to pay them.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

February 20, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Weigh Clerks Book of Gold Deposits No 189. B. If this book needs side and back labels you are authorized to have the work done in your city.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

February 20, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of \$28,665.- in gold coin and \$4,624.- in silver coin making a total of \$33,289.- the same being the value of coins of the calendar year, 1882 received and forwarded for trial at the Annual Assay and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

February 20. 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Eight ³³/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$ 1538.33) in gold coin, and Ten ⁸¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 2.81) in silver coin, making a total of One Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-one ¹⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 1541.16) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 277, dated February 13, 1883. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

February 20, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Hundred and four thousand, Two Hundred and Ninety ²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 105,309.2) in gold coin, and Eight Hundred and Thirty ¹⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 830.18) in silver coin, making a total of One hundred and four Thousand Three hundred and Thirty Nine ³⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 106,339.39) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver Colo. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 282, dated February 13, 1883. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

February 20, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars [\$1,400] in gold coin and Two Hundred and Ninety Five Dollars [\$295] in silver coin, making a total of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Five Dollars [\$1,995], the same being the value of the coins forwarded for trial at the Annual Assay, for the Calendar year 1882, and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger

February 20, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, to that of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, of the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars [\$130.-] in gold coin and Three Thousand and Fifty five Dollars [\$3,055.-] in silver coin, making a total of Three Thousand One Hundred and Eighty five Dollars [\$3,185.-] the same being the value of the coins forwarded for trial at the annual Assay for the calendar year 1882 and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

February 20. 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty five Dollars (\$28,665) in gold coin and Four Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Four Dollars (\$4,624) in silver coin, making a total of Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Nine Dollars (\$33,289.) the same being the value of the coins forwarded for trial at the Annual Assay for the calendar year 1882 and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard,
Director.

J. W. White, Esq.

February 20. 1883.

House of Representatives.

Sir;

I transmit herewith the Assayers report upon the sample of ore left at this office for assay.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard,
Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

February 20 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Bondsmen of Horace Beach are Morton Chuseman,
and John W. Jewett.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

February 21, 1883.

Bowling City.

Sir:

C. I. No 634 for \$98. - being on account of assays of ore
4th Quarter 1882 enclosed in your communication of the
10th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and
forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal
credit to be given you in your accounts and the
amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscel-
laneous receipt.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

M. L. Bonzano, Esq.

February 21, 1883.

Melter & Refiner U. S. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your communication of the 16th instant enclosing
minutes made by you dated the 15th inst. addressed
to Mr. Preston as Acting Director of the Mint, has been
received. If you are unable for any reason to make
the notation on the Register of Deposits required by
the second paragraph of regulation two, page three of
the Instructions it is your duty, after making the ex-
amination to state your inability on the record and
sign it, as the Regulations direct. I have forward-
ed a copy of your communication to the Superintend-
ent, with a request that he correct any defect in the rec-
ord or method of business in the weigh clerk's office
which makes it difficult or impossible for you to
perform your official duty.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

J. L. Goddard, Esq.

February 21, 1883.

Traffic Manager.

A. T. & S. L. R. R. Co.

Topeka Kansas.

Sir;

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft No B. 20192, for \$120.00 drawn in favor of George N. Bush in payment of services in connection with the collection of statistics of the production of the precious metals during the year 1882. Please cause receipt to be acknowledged.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director. ✓

James McFadden.

February 21, 1883.

Sioux Falls, Dak.

Dear Sir;

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and have been looking around to see if there was any place I could get for you. I have none within my control, and as you know, I have now but little influence to secure an appointment outside of the Mint service.

If there was a vacant place in the Philadelphia Mint that you could fill, I would ask the Superintendent if he could appoint you, but that would be at his option to do or not.

Very truly yours.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

February 21, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Enclosed I forward you a copy of a communication received from the Miller and Refiner in explanation of his omission to note "whether the differ-

ence in weight before and after melting are usual, or ordinary or fairly resulting from the nature of the deposit."

If the minutes of the weight and identity of the grams from the flux and scrapings of the crucibles are not properly recorded and reported to him please advise the difficulty he states that he finds in making the proper entries upon the register. You will also see that the Register is presented to him at the end of each week, and returned to you at the beginning of the following week with the proper entries of the Melter and Refiner or a statement over his signature, why he has not made them. If he fails to make entries or statement you will please state on the record each week that it was presented to the Melter and Refiner and returned by him to you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 21, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Silver Melts.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 21, 1883.

Philadelphia Pa

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 applications to Coiner for leave of absence.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 21, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 20th inst. asking an advance of \$800. from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion. On the 5th inst. I requested that an advance of that amount be made you from the appropriation named, and before acting on your requisition of yesterday I will thank you to inform me whether or not the advance was made, and whether the \$800. now requested is additional for the present month.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

February 21, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

C/O. No 653 for \$144.06 being on account of alloy charges in January 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 13th inst. has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered with the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

February 21, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

C/O. No 654 for \$238.30 being on account of melting charges collected in January 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 13th inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the

Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Noratis C. Buchard,

Quicksilver.

Sup. Mint.

February 21, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ Q. I. No 655 for \$9073.64 being on account of parting and refining and brightening charges in January 1883 enclosed in your communication of the 13th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,

Noratis C. Buchard,

Quicksilver.

Sup. Mint.

February 21, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ I have to inform you that by clerical error in drawing the requisition for funds for your Mint for the current month the advance of \$10000 requested by you from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion" was made from the appropriation contained in the Act authorizing the Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, passed February 28th 1878. As it was my intention to advance you from the appropriation last named some eight or ten thousand ^{dollars}, during the remainder of this fiscal year to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for wages as stated in my letter of the 9th inst. I have thought

it be to allow the ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) erroneously advanced you to remain in your hands for that purpose, and I have this day requested that the sum of \$10,000 be advanced you from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

February 21, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa of the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy six ⁹²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$ 2776.92) in gold coin, and Seventeen ⁴⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars ^{\$17.49} in silver coin, making a total of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four ⁴⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$2794.41) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for coinage as shown by memorandum No 303, dated February 16, 1883 of Gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

February 21, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report upon the production of the precious metals in the United States for the calendar year 1882.

The information submitted in this report has been obtained in part from the records of the Mints.

and Assay Offices, which show the amount of domestic gold and silver deposited at those institutions and the locality of production of unrefined bullion, also from correspondence and reports furnished by owners, managers and Superintendents of mines as to the amounts produced by the mines, their ^{kind} charge and from bankers and dealers in bullion as to the amounts forwarded by them respectively and from smelting and refining works, giving the amounts respectively treated by them and the localities from which the ore or bullion was received.

Mining regions have been personally visited and much information has been obtained in this manner as well as by reports and correspondents from gentlemen engaged or interested in mining and valuable material has been obtained and compiled in my office, from the local papers in mining regions and journals in other localities.

In the collection of the statistics, I have received much information and valuable assistance from gentlemen to whom credit is given in the detailed report upon districts and mines. I have also to acknowledge the courtesy and hearty cooperation of bullion dealers, ^{bankers} and the Superintendents and officers of mines, mills, smelters and refiners, and of the officers and agents of express and railroad companies whose statements have enabled me to trace domestic bullion from the mines and ports of export back to the States, Territories and localities where it was originally mined.

To harmonize conflicting statements and make proper allowance in some cases, for deficient returns and in others for exaggerated statements has not be without difficulty, but the amounts stated to have been produced by the mines of the several States and Territories, as well as the total production, are approximately correct.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Rusk. Quind.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank. February 23. 1883.
San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram Daniel Meyer San Francisco, Cal.
 " Nevada Bank. " " "

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. February 23. 1883.
Denver Colorado

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Telegram Supt. Mint. February 23. 1883
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and
 ten cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram Supt. Mint San Francisco.

Telegram Supt. Mint. February 23. 1883.
Carson, Nevada.

Offer of Stevenson accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Telegram Waddy & Cronise February 23. 1883.
24 Nassau Street, New York.

One hundred and forty thousand ounces of your offer
 accepted for Philadelphia; and One hundred and twenty
 thousand ounces accepted for New Orleans.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Telegram J. B. Colgate & Co.

February 23, 1883.

47 Wall Street New York.

Your offer declined

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Telegram J. & W. Seligman & Co.

February 23, 1883.

New York.

Your offers declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Telegram Supt. Minit.

February 23, 1883.

New Orleans, La.

Receive from Wandy & Cronie, one hundred and twenty thousand ounces at one hundred eleven and thirty nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Telegram Supt. Minit.

February 23, 1883.

New Orleans, La.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred ten and seven tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quicks.

Telegram Supt. Minit.

February 23, 1883.

Confirmed San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Nevada Bank thirty nine thousand ounces at one hundred and ten cents per ounce, from Anglo Californian Bank twenty five thousand ounces at one hundred ten and twenty hundredths cents per ounce fine, and from Daniel Meyer twenty thousand ounces at one hundred ten and twenty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Treasury Auditor

February 23, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col for the month ending January 31, 1883, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

See note on abstract of disbursements.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor ✓

Supt. Mint.

February 23, 1883.

Carson. City.

Sir;

The coins received at your Mint during the month of January and forwarded to this office for special assay have been received, viz:

2 Gmble Eagles	\$ 40.00
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3 St. Silver Dollars	3.00
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Total value	\$ 43.00
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Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.

February 23, 1883.

Denver.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending January 31, 1883, with my approval except voucher # 50 Officers Payroll, which shows the mlttr John S. Dorrner to have been paid \$5.05 in excess of the allowance of salary for the month. At \$22.50 per annum the salary tables

give \$193.70 as the amount of pay for the month of January, not \$198.75 as charged. This excess will be disallowed, and in order to remove the same you are hereby directed to charge yourself with the amount in your ordinary account for the current month.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Buschard.

Director.

Dr. J. M. Gregory

February 23, 1883.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge with pleasure, the receipt of your valuable work, just issued from the press, on Political Economy. I have not yet examined it with care, but a glance through its titles and subdivisions, and a cursory reading of the chapters relating to money and the distribution of wealth, satisfy me that you have stated in a concise and intelligent form and in logical order, the most important principles of Political Economy; and that the work will be valuable for reference as well as a useful text book for students and teachers.

Very truly yours.

Horatio C. Buschard.

Assayer in charge.

February 23, 1883.

Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary Expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending January 31st 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buschard.

Director.

Messrs. Handy & Groner.

February 23. 1883.

#24 Nassau Street

New York City.

Gentlemen

The majority of telegrams received at this office from you, making offers of silver are simply signed with your initials (H & G). I will thank you in future to sign the name of your firm in full.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint

February 23. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing copy of communication from the Assayer of the Mint in New Orleans, requesting of you that the coins of the delivery of November 22nd in your possession, and sealed up by my order, be remitted, and some of the "light" and "heavy" be given him for assay is received.

You properly declined his request to open the packages which you had been ordered by me to remain sealed up until further orders.

You can say to Dr. Albrecht that before melting up the coins for recinnage he shall have an opportunity to assay some of the coins if he so desires.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buichard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint

February 23. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Enclosed herewith please find U. S. Treasury Draft, No(21234) drawn in your favor on the Assistant

Treasurer at Philadelphia for the sum of \$20. in payment of the bag of new two cent pieces, forwarded to this office on the 20th inst.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

February 23, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit: of

Nandy & Cronci 140,000 ounces at \$ 1.1139

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

February 23, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your Mint, will be 110 $\frac{7}{10}$ per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

February 23, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ Enclosed find letter and draft from the Second National of Minona, Minn. which by misdirection came to this office.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 23, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir;

I am requested by Mr Walter Williams, Jr of the U. S. Geological Survey to furnish him the following information;

First. "A statement of the denominations, composition, size and weight of all coins of the United States in which nickel is a component; including any pieces the coinage of which has been abandoned."

✓ Second. "A statement of the number of pieces (nickel or containing nickel,) with denominations and value coined in U. S. Mints to December 31, 1882; by calendar years if this can be conveniently given - otherwise by fiscal years to June 30, 1882, with the following six months additional"

Third. "A statement of the amount of crude nickel consumed in the U. S. Mints up to December 31, 1882. Is this record kept in pounds avoirdupois?"

Please make up from your books statements containing the information (as far as it relates to the Philadelphia Mint) requested by him and forward them to me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Wm T. Smith, Esq.

February 23, 1883.

Room 5 of the L. S. & M. R. R.
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 21st inst. is received. Specimen
pieces of the copper nickel five cent coin as proposed to
be issued, were forwarded to me to show to the Secretary
of the Treasury, a few members of Congress and Officials.
I have parted with all I received except a single
piece, which I desire to retain.

Very truly yours,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy.

Wm Wm W. Armstrong.

February 24, 1883.

Commissioner Railroads.

Dept. Interior.

Dear Sir:

Accept my thanks for a copy of your Annual
Report for the year ended June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quincy.

Assayer in Charge.

February 24, 1883.

Charlotte.

Sir:

Ct. J. No 393. for \$34.69 being on account of balance in
Transportation account Dec 31, 1882, enclosed in your com-
munication of the 20th instant has been received, properly
endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury
personal credit to be given you in your fulling accounts
and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a
"miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard. Quincy.

Hon Clement. Dmd.

February 24, 1883.

House of Representatives.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 22nd inst. enclosing a letter from J. V. Symons, Esq. and a memorandum of gold bullion deposited at the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte on the 1st day of April, 1861. by him.

I find upon examination that the last accounts rendered by G. W. Caldwell (covering the deposits of bullion) when Treasurer of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, were for the quarter ending December 31, 1860, therefore there is no record in the Department of this deposit of gold bullion or any thing to show whether it has been paid or not.

The paper enclosed by you is simply a memorandum given depositors at the time deposits are paid, and is of no value. The fact that the depositor has this memorandum would indicate that the same had been paid either to him or his assignee.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

P.S.

I return herewith Mr Symons letter and enclosure.

Supt. Mint.

February 24, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to request that you will inform me how soon you will be able to strike life saving medals from the new designs.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 24, 1883.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir;

I enclose herewith draft in your favor for \$5.93 for which I will thank you to return to this office, one silver and minor coin proof set of 1882, and also one set of 1883, including the two designs of 5-cent pieces issued.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 24, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to your letters of the 19th, 21st and 23^d inst. in relation to the bills for the electric light, and for copper, and an additional advance from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion. I have decided, in view of the fact that it is so near the close of the month, to allow you to include the amounts necessary for these purposes in your regular monthly requisition for March, and if you will forward it promptly on the 1st of March I will endeavor to have the advance made special. I would say that it is not desirable to make advances from the appropriation oftener than once a month unless absolutely necessary.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 24, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have to request that you will cause a statement to be prepared from the books of your Mint similar to the enclosed sheet and covering the operations of

the calendar year 1882, and transmit the same to this office as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Mr Thomas L. Tullock,

City Postmaster,

Washington.

February 24, 1883.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, Nevada, of the mailing to this Bureau on the 7th instant of a package of valuable manuscript (unregistered)

As it is many days overdue, I will thank you to ascertain if it has been received by your Office, and, if not, please send a tracer, if practicable.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Zimmerman & Torrey,

New York, N. Y.

February 24, 1883.

Gentlemen,

Your postal card addressed to Mr Snowden at Philadelphia, requesting a circular relating to the charges on bars of silver, has been referred by him to me.

I send you by current mail, Circular governing the purchase of silver bullion by the Mint and Assay Office, in which on pages 6 and 7 you will find the information desired.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Assayer in charge.

February 26, 1883.

Pres. City.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bulletin
Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending
✓ Dec 31, 1882

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 26, 1883.

Carton.

Sir,

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bills of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for transporting in the months of September and October 1882, from Ogden to Reno, and from San Francisco to Reno, certain supplies consigned to your care, amounting to \$115.43 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year. I enclose herewith for your information duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

February 26, 1883.

Representative Central Pacific R.R. Co.

Room 91 Corcoran Building.

City.

Sir,

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for transportation of Mint supplies in the months of September

and October 1882 from San Francisco to Reno, and from Ogden to Reno, consigned to the Mints at Carson and San Francisco, amounting to \$430.89.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 26, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction the gold and silver coin accounts, the "bullion fund account," "the summary statement," and the "balance sheet" belonging to your Bullion accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1882.

You have credited in your "bullion fund account," as a transfer during the quarter, transfer order No. 11,138 for \$3,848.37, being the value of the bullion received from the St. Louis Assay Office during the quarter but not transferred to your bullion fund until about a month after the close of the quarter. In my letter of the 26th ultimo I instructed you to include the transfer referred to in your accounts for the current quarter. I have made the proper entries in the accounts in pencil, and I forward herewith a form of an additional account which, it will be necessary to furnish in connection with your Bullion accounts, showing the transactions relating to the St. Louis bullion.

The proper way to have treated the St. Louis bullion would have been to have allowed the net value to have remained as an "unpaid deposit," in the name of the person to whom the receipt was issued, until the proceeds were transferred to your bullion fund by the Treasurer of the United States; but as you have not done so, and have taken the certificate up as paid, and included it in your coin payments the form, or some form similar to the one I enclose, will be necessary

to show the transaction.

I also enclose for your information a copy of my letter of the 26th ultimo, instructing you how to treat this transfer.

Please return the official statement of the Treasurer which I have pinned to your "bullion fund account" and also the accounts herewith sent you with the corrected ones, to prevent the necessity of re-verifying the entries.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Superintendent Mint New Orleans.

Dr.

1882

Dec. 31. To Balance _____ \$ 3,848.37

Cr.

By "Gold Coin Account" - For the net proceeds of the bullion received from the St Louis Assay Office during the quarter, deposited in the name of one of the clerks of the Mint and credited as paid but not transferred to the Bullion Fund until next quarter _____ \$ 3,761.56

By silver coin account - For the net proceeds of the bullion received from the St Louis Assay Office during the quarter, deposited in the name of one of the clerks of the Mint and credited as paid but not transferred to the Bullion Fund until next quarter _____ \$ 86.81

\$ 3,848.37

Supt. Mint.

February 26, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, the sum of \$239,406.13 on account of the profit on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

February 26, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter asking if there is any objection to your furnishing Mr. Taylor with copy of a letter to you from Prof. Booth, in relation to the tests of the crucibles of different firms, has been received.

If you think proper to do so, I see no objection to giving Mr. Taylor a copy of the letter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

February 26, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting offices of the Department for examination and settlement bills of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for transporting in the months of September and October 1882, from Ogden to San Francisco certain supplies consigned to your care amounting to \$314.66 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year. I enclose herewith

for your information duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Hon. Charles J. Folger.

February 26, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Andrew W. Smyer Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans, the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Six and $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars (\$239,406.13) on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger

February 26, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-eight $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,658.52) in gold coin, and Seventy-four $\frac{16}{100}$ Dollars (\$74.16) in silver coin, making a total of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-two $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,732.68) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for coinage as shown in memorandum No 6160, dated Feb. 16, 1883 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard. Quictor.

Telegram. Supt. Minit.

February 27, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Please send to day by express Fifty Dollars in new five-cent coins. Draft by mail.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

First Auditor.

February 27, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. for the month ending January 31, 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

First Auditor.

February 27, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the month ending January 31, 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Joseph Albrecht

February 27, 1883

Assayer U. S. Minit. New Orleans

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. explaining and withdrawing your request for weighing the coins.

contained in, and putting your seal upon the sacks holding the remainder of the coins of the delivery of the 22 of November, has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge.

February 27, 1883.

Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending January 31st 1883, with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in charge

February 27, 1883.

Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the Bullion fund of your office be increased \$15,000 by a transfer of this amount and that of this sum \$10,000 be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York, and that the balance \$5,000 be transmitted you in gold coin or currency, of the denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$20.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

M. Ottomar Haupt.

February 27, 1883.

13. Rue Auber.

Paris. France.

Dear Sir,

I have received with pleasure your letter of the 8th instant enclosing your article on the stock of silver in Germany, which I have examined with interest and thank you for transmitting.

My Report was mailed to you several weeks since, but as it was addressed to 30 Rue St. Mark it probably failed to reach you. I send you a duplicate by current mail.

I regret I am unable to give you any reliable information in regard to the treatment of Chinese Sycee in Shanghai. The data at my command, printed in the Mint Report for 1875, is contradictory and unsatisfactory, and I am not able to reconcile the various statements. It seems that the different valuations attached to "Sycee" are to a certain extent arbitrary, and while they may be known to be slightly erroneous, yet the well known persistency of the Chinese in opposing changes, may account for the permanency of the relative valuations.

Yours very truly.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinton. ✓

Moses King, Esq.

February 27, 1883.

Publisher "Science"

Harvard Square.

Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

You will please forward one copy of the "Science" to this office for one year from receipt hereof, and transmit your account in duplicate in the same for settlement.

Very respectfully. Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinton.

John Lacias. Esq.
Washington, D.C.

February 27, 1883.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23. inst. is received, and has been referred to the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint for his information.

I am glad to be able to inform you that there is no truth in the statement that coins issued at the New Orleans Mint are of light weight.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

February 27, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Certificate of deposit for standard silver dollars No. 119.

2 Books Corners receipts for silver ingots No. 26.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

February 27, 1883.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia for \$50. in payment for that amount of five cent nickel coins as requested to be sent by my telegram of current date.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in charge.
St. Louis, Mo.

February 27, 1883.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your ordinary expense account for the month ending January 31st 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Hon Charles J. Folger.
 Secretary of the Treasury

February 27, 1883

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. be increased fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.) by a transfer of this amount and that of this sum ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office, with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and that the balance, five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be transmitted him in gold coin or currency of the denominations of five dollars (\$5.) ten dollars (\$10.) and twenty dollars (\$20.)

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

J. R. Incead.
 Assistant Postmaster
 U. S. Senate.

February 27, 1883.

Sir;

I enclose herewith \$290 the net value of mutilated minor coin contained in a lot of silver coins received from you on the 16th ultimo. These coins have been redeemed by the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia as a personal favor.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

February 27, 1883.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst, I enclose herewith a list of bondsmen of the several Officers and Clerks of your Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quinton

O. D. Munson

Assayer.

Timothy L. Barker

John Taylor

Sureties.

Alexander Martin

Melter & Refiner

John H. Dall

Frank S. Bullock

Sureties.

Charles M. Gorham

Comer.

William C. Belcher

Salvin P. Collins

Sureties

E. G. Waiti

Chief Clerk

James Wharlen By

Samuel Soule

Sureties.

W. H. Lawrence

Asst. Assayer.

Robert L. Bunker

Frederick P. Belcher

Sureties.

Thomas B. McCauley

Asst. M. & R.

William B. Carr

Robert J. Graham

Sureties

W. R. Williams

Asst. Comer

William B. Carr

Robert J. Graham

Sureties.

Edward Wheaton } Bookkeeper.
Charles N. Felton }
Louis A. Garnett } Sureties

J. L. Hoggli } High Clerk.
Jerome B. Fargo }
John Broctor } Sureties.

John M. Carrier } Warrant Clerk.
Otis L. Willey }
John W. Shaffner } Sureties

Edward J. Gaver } Abstract Clerk.
Albert G. Wheelock }
Robert J. Graham } Sureties.

W. P. Edwards Jr } Register of Deposits
Louis W. Bonestall }
Henry L. Dodge. } Sureties.

A. Gueglingen } Cashier Clerk.
Wilhelm F. Muller }
Otto Faust. } Sureties.

Geo. J. Bennett } Asst. Weigh Clerk.
James T. Walker }
Seely J. Bennett } Sureties.

Geo. Parry } Supts. Computing Clerk.
Charles A. Tuttle }
Marshall Curtis } Sureties.

Charles H. Hedges } Assayers Computing Clerk.
Moses Hopkins. }
Charles N. Felton. } Sureties.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

February 27, 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith for transmission to the President, in pursuance of Section 3547 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, a certificate of the Annual Assay Commission of 1883 relative to a greater deviation from the legal standard for fineness appearing in one of the reserved gold coins of the coinage of the Mint at New Orleans.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Walter Williams, Esq.
Geological Survey.
Washington D. C.

February 26, 1883.

Dear Sir:

I have received your request for information, some of which does not appear upon the records of my office. I have written for the necessary figures, and hope to be able to forward the desired statements at an early date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

George L. Woods, Esq.
San Francisco, Cal.

February 27, 1883.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. is received. There is no information here that Mr Bruton intends to resign, and I think that he will not be displaced by the President. The latter ^{stated} to Senator Miller that he had no information in regard to Mr Bruton's intention to resign, and no application had been made to him for an appointment in his place.

Very truly yours, Horatio C. Burchard Director.

Supt. Mint.

February 28, 1883.

San Francisco.

✓ Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) will be placed to your credit with Asst. Treasurer at New York for refining expenses

Arratio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

First Auditor

February 28, 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise City & Helena for the month ending January 1883. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Arratio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Assayer in charge.

February 28, 1883.

Boise City.

Sir:

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Offices of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month of January 1883. with my approval. In the case of the salary of Mr Clark and your own for the month it will be necessary to forward receipted bills to accompany the warrants. You will observe that the receipt at the bottom of the warrant mentions no amount and refers to an accompanying bill. Hereafter a meeting receipt for the amount paid for services during the month will alone be required.

Very respectfully.

Arratio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Thos. C. Darlan. Esq.
New York.

February 28. 1883

Sir; at the request of Hon James Phelps. I send you by current mail copy of my report for 1880 and 1881.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon R. P. Snow.

February 28. 1883.

House of Representatives

Sir;

I have forwarded this day to P. Kierin Esq. 127 Liberty Place, New York one copy of my special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881 as requested.

The letter of Mr Kierin is herewith returned.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

February 28. 1883.

Helena.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending January 31st 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

P. Kierin. Esq.

February 28. 1883.

127 Liberty Place.

New York.

Sir

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your

Letter of the 23rd inst. and referred to this Bureau by
Hon R. P. Homer, viz:

Copy of Special Report on Production for the years 1880 and 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

February 28, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been
mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Gold Ingot Transcripts No 216.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

February 28, 1883.

New York City.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr H. G. Torrey, Assayer
of your office, stating that there is an accumulation of
pidium which has been extracted from deposits and is
now in the custody of the Melter and Refiner, and
asking that he be furnished with one half 1/2 pound
of the same for purposes of scientific research.

As this article has a commercial value of from \$2.-
to \$2.50 per ounce I have to state that if Mr Torrey
desires the same for official use, it may be furnished
him, but if he wishes it for purposes other than official,
you are authorized to sell him such a quantity as
he may desire at the market value.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.
New York, N. Y.

February 28, 1883.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 206 High Clerks statement of Balances, Receipts and Deliveries No 228.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

February 28, 1883.

Sir:

✓ C/S. No 5693 for \$150,000. - being on account of minor coinage profits enclosed in your communication of the 27th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be credited into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

February 28, 1883.

Sir:

✓ Your letter of the 27th instant enclosing statement of silver purchased at your Mint from February 1. Feb. 15th inclusive, has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

February 28. 1883.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward for the cabinet of this office two (2) silver and mirror case proof sets for the calendar years 1882 and 1883 transmitting your account for the same for settlement.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

S. L. Pollock. Esq.

February 28. 1883.

New Orleans. La.

Sir:

✓ I transmit herewith Treasury Draft No B. 20,234) for \$16.40 drawn in your favor in payment of Stenographic services rendered in connection with a recent investigation of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

February 28. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$4,000. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining Bullion" to be placed to your credit with the Asst. Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard. ✓

Director.

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Telegram Anglo Californian Bank
San Francisco, Cal.

March 1st 1883.

✓ Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor. ✓

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver Col.

March 1st 1883.

✓ Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred
eleven and twenty four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor. ✓

Telegram Supt. Mint.

March 1st 1883.Carson, Nev.

✓ Offer of Williams accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor. ✓

Telegram Supt. Mint.

March 1st 1883.Carson, Nev.

✓ Coin One hundred thousand silver dollars in March.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor. ✓

Telegram Supt. Mint.

March 1st 1883.Carson, Nev.

✓ Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred ten
and one half cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Quictor. ✓

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Supt. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram James B. Colgate & Co. March 1st. 1883.
47 Wall Street

New York.

✓ Your offer not received until after action on offers by the Secretary and is therefore declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram Wandy & Grunise March 1st 1883.
24 Nassau Street.

New York.

✓ Your offer accepted for New Orleans.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram Mr. W. Narves San Francisco. March 1st. 1883.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

Telegram Daniel Meyer March 1st. 1883.
San Francisco Cal.

Your offers accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director. ✓

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram J & W. Seligman & Co. New York. N. Y.

Telegram Supt. Mint. March 1st 1883.
New Orleans La.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and eleven cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director. ✓

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Telegram Supt. Mint.

March 1st, 1883.

New Orleans. La.

✓ Wire amount of coinage for February immediately.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

March 1st 1883.

New Orleans. La.✓ Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty five thousand ounces at one hundred eleven and twenty four hundredths cents per ounce and from Nandy & Cronin eighty thousand at one hundred eleven and thirty four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

March 1st, 1883.

San Francisco.✓ Remit Six hundred thousand silver dollars in March.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

March 1st. 1883.

San Francisco. Cal.✓ Receive from Anglo Californian Bank twenty five thousand ounces at one hundred and eleven cents per ounce fine, Daniel Meyer thirty thousand at one hundred ten and fifty hundredths cents and ten thousand at one hundred ten and seventy hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

J. W. Dyson, Esq.March 1st. 1883.

Richmond. P. I., Canada.

Dear Sir;

I have your letter of the 26th Feb. and have referred it to Mr. J. J. Brooks, Chief of the Secret Service of the Treasury Department who will give the matter such attention as he deems proper.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Robt. Montgomery, Esq.March 1st. 1883.

The Manchester & Salford Bank.

Manchester England.

Sir;

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 17th ultimo. viz:

Annual Report for the fiscal year June 30, 1882, and Special Report on Production for 1880 and 1881.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 1st. 1883.New Orleans

Sir;

I return herewith the list of distances enclosed in your letter of the 17th ultimo. to be verified. You will notice that the distance to a number of the places has been changed.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 1st. 1883.New Orleans.

Sir;

I have requested that the Bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of One Million silver Dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 1st. 1883.New Orleans.

Sir;

The number of standard silver Dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of March 1883 is hereby fixed at 800,000 pieces.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 1st. 1883.Philadelphia.

Sir;

The purchasing rate of silver Bullion at your Mint until further notice will be one hundred and eleven cents (1.11) per ounce fine.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 1st 1883.Philadelphia.

Sir;

The number of silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of March 1883, is hereby fixed

at nine hundred thousand pieces.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 1st. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of One million silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer W. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint

March 1st. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

As requested in your letter of the 28th ultimo, I send you by current mail 150 department Circulars No 18 dated Feb. 24. 1881

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 1st. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have requested that the following advance of funds be made you to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month namely:

Salaries	<u>\$ 3.000</u>
Wages	<u>20.000</u>
Contingent Expenses	<u>10.000</u>
Parting and Refining	<u>1.600</u>
For the coinage of standard dollars	<u>16.000</u>

In all

\$50,600

I have also requested that the advance be made special.

I would state, however for your information that it is probable that the Comptroller will decline to advance so large an amount; as with the balance ^{exceed the amount of your fund.} charged to you. I will,

I would therefore suggest that you forward upon receipt of this, your accounts of ordinary expenses for the month of February, so as to reduce the balance with which you are charged. If the account is not complete you can forward such vouchers as have been paid with your abstract of expenses, so that this Office can certify to the amount which you have expended.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 1st. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates, and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit:

Of J. & W. Seligman & Co. 25,000 ounces at \$1.1120

" " " " " 25,000 " " 1.1125

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 1st. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same
✓ be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 1st. 1883.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.
✓

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

March 2. 1883.

San Francisco

Are the forms of accounts prepared by Wheaton to be
✓ bound in one book or in two.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 2. 1882.

Carson, City.

Your letter of seventh ultimo transmitting mining reports received to day

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 2. 1883.

Carson.

Sir;

Please forward your Bullion Accounts for the 4th quarter of 1882. I do not understand why there should be such delay in forwarding your accounts. It would seem as if they could be prepared within two weeks after the close of the quarter, whereas they do not reach this office for over two months after the period for which they are rendered. As the examination of them in this office is more complete and consequently more laborious than formerly they do not reach the accounting Officers of the Department for nearly three months after the close of the quarter covered by them. I therefore desire that you will see to it that they are prepared and forwarded more promptly.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Alexander Tracy, Esq.

March 2. 1883.

Royal Centre, Ind.

Sir;

Your inquiry of the 28 ultimo, asking from what authentic sources you can procure earliest advice from time to time concerning the quantity of currency in circulation in this and other leading commercial countries, is received.

I send you copy of my Annual Report and a Special

Report on the production of gold and silver in 1880 the former of which contains the latest intelligence received at my Office at the date of preparing the Report.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

J. L. Farrington, Esq.

March 2, 1883

Wenham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter enquiring if the coinage of the new five cent piece has stopped, and the cause of it, is received. It has not been suspended and the coins can be procured at the Philadelphia Mint by remitting \$20 or any multiple of that sum.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quiding. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 2, 1883.

New Orleans

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Coinage work books No 80.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 2, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith 4.675 grains of pure gold in place of that amount sent to this office about the first of February for test.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quiding.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York, N. Y.

March 2, 1883.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1883 has been approved for the sum of \$6300, payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 3400.</u>
Wages of workmen.	"	<u>2100.</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>800.</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York City

March 2, 1882.

Sir;

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$8000, to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York City.

March 2, 1883.

Sir;

Please forward your Bullion Accounts for the 4th quarter of 1882 at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 2. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 1st inst. viz:

✓ 10 Copies each of Special Report for 1880 and 1881. ✓

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quiden.

Supt. Mint.

March 2. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of February for special Assay, and forwarded to this office have been received - viz:

8 Std Silver Dollars

\$ 8.00

30 Quines

3.00

Total value

\$ 11.00

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger.

March 2. 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that ^{a transfer be made from} the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa of the sum of Three thousand, five hundred and seventy nine ³⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$3579.35) in Gold Coin, and Twenty six ⁶¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$26.61) in silver coin, making a total of Three thousand six hundred and five ⁹⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$3605.96) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for Coinage as shown by Memorandum

No 363 dated Feb. 26. 1883. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

First Auditor.

March 3rd 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary, Refining, & Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending January 31. 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Edmond Bruwaert, Esq.

March 3. 1883.

French Consul.

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I send you by current mail in accordance with your request of the 23rd ultimo, two (2) copies of my last Annual Report as Director of the Mint, and also copy of my Report on the precious metals of the United States for the year 1880 and 1881.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

March 3. 1883.

Charlotte.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1883, has been ap-

perred for the sum of \$403.46 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$226.80</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	} <u>166.66</u>
Contingent Expenses.	"	

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard.

W. G. McMinn, Esq.

March 3, 1883.

Oreida, N. Ya.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st instant is received. No package described by you has been received by me, but upon inquiry I am informed at the Treasurer's Office a package was received there and forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint; where it should have been sent, as you will see from the enclosed Circular.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint,

March 3, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special Assay Coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of January, 1883, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance. You will call the attention of the Minter & Refiner and Assayer to the fact that the gold coin, although within the legal limits is below 899.3 which the Regulations page 18 Section 7, fix as the limit below which gold ingots should rarely be passed.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard. Director

Supt. Mint.

March 3, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Your letter of the 27th ultimo enclosing the following statements for the month of January 1882 has been received, viz;

Cashier's Statement of Coin Balances and receipts.

✓ Cashier's Balances, Receipts and Payments Count and examination of funds.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 3, 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I enclose herewith an additional table of distances to govern you in making payments for transportation of standard silver dollars from your Mint to places named therein.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

March 3, 1883.

Philadelphia

Sir;

Your letter of the 2nd inst transmitting statement of silver purchased from 16th to 28th ultimo has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint

March 3. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

✓ Enclosed please find letter containing draft for \$160. which came to this Office in an envelope addressed, "U. S. Mint Washington D. C."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 3. 1883.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Old Silver Dol & accounts for the month ending January 31st 1883, with my approval

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 3. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Requisitions for funds as requested in your letter of the 24th ultimo.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Telegram Supt. Mint.

March 5th 1883.

Carson. Nv.

Advancing purchasing rate of silver to one hundred ten and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

✓ San Francisco. Cal.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

March 5. 1883.

New Orleans. La.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred eleven and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Trust Auditor.

March 5. 1883.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending January 31st 1883 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 5. 1883.

Carson.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 26th ultimo requesting authority to purchase the Process Boiler Cleaner, for each boiler in your Mint. Whilst I am disposed to authorize the purchase, before doing so however, I desire to be advised of the cost of the same.

Very respectfully. Horatio C. Burchard Director.

Moses Ring, Esq.
 Cambridge, Mass.
 #400 Harvard St.

March 5, 1883.

Sir,

Your bill of the 1st instant for Volume 1 "Science" purchased for the use of this bureau, amounting to \$5. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

A. M. Lawler, Esq.
 San Francisco, Cal.

March 5, 1883.

Dear Sir,

In 1881 upon the publication of my report on the production of the precious metals for 1880, you sent me a list of persons to whom you desired copies of that ^{report} should be forwarded. I struck from the list some of the names fearing that the number of copies of the report at my disposal would be ~~insufficient~~ to supply all and the other demands. I now find that I have enough for that purpose, and if you can furnish me a list of the names omitted, or of other persons to whom you would like the report sent, I will either mail copies to you, or forward them directly to the parties from this office.

Very truly yours,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Messrs. Merchant & Co.
 525 Arch Street.
 Philadelphia.

March 5, 1883.

Gentlemen.

I will thank you to state the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver five (5) tons best Ingot Copper free on board of cars to Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago Ill. for shipment to Munit of the U. S. at Carson, Nev.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter sent to.

Messrs Pope Cole & Co. 57 South Gay St. Baltimore Md.

Supt. Munit.

March 5, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

C. I. No 18,081 for \$239,406.13 being on account of profits on the coinage of St Silver Dollars enclosed in your communication of the — has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bulletin accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Supt. Munit.

March 5, 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst. requesting a "Silver Clippings Receipt Book" for the use of the Comr of your Munit. I have to say that requisition cannot be made without a sample leaf from the book now on file to accompany it. A description of the book as to number

of pages, character of binding, side and back labels &c. is also necessary. This can be written on the sample leaf sent.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 5. 1883.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Your letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing statement of silver purchased from 19th to 24th February 1883 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 6. 1883.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

The purchasing rate of silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces has been advanced to one dollar eleven and one quarter cents per ounce fine at your Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director.

Hon. S. P. Rounds.

March 5. 1883.

Public Printer.

Sir;

I have received from the Printing Clerk of the House the manuscript of my report upon the production of gold and silver in the United States.

After the same has been revised, it will be forwarded to your office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burckhard

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

March 5. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1883, has been approved for the sum of \$29,000 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mmit. during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1883 \$ 4,000

Wages of workmen " 20,000

Contingent Expenses " 5,000

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

March 5. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official bond of Charles N. Hedges as cashier of your Mmit, executed in the sum of ten thousand dollars, and bearing date of the 23rd ultimo, and to inform you that I have referred the same to the Solicitor of the Treasury for examination and certification. As soon as the bond is approved, you will be notified.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mmit.

March 5. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo making requisition for an advance of ten thousand dollars from the appropriations contained in the Act of Feb 28th 1878, I have to call your attention to my letter of the 21st ultimo

(Please copy in Appointment book)

informing you that I had requested that an advance of ten thousand dollars be made you from the appropriation named, which will probably cover all the expenses under that head at your Mint during the current fiscal year, so that no action will be taken on your requisition of the 24th ultimo.

Very respectfully.

Wm. L. Burghard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

March 5. 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st ultimo enclosing a letter to you from J. R. Hardenburg and forms prepared by him for the collection of statistics upon the production of gold and silver has been received. The blank forms he has prepared are desirable and I will have them and the proposed Circular printed with some modifications.

It has however seemed to be preferable to obtain the information at the close of the Calendar, instead of the fiscal year, sending out the Circulars and blanks December 1. discontinuing the attempt to secure returns by six months periods. My object in doing the latter was to be able to make an estimate of the production of the fiscal year to be published in my Annual Report as Director of the Mint. This on account of the meagre returns has been found impracticable. I shall therefore change the dates and periods so as to cover the whole of the calendar year 1883. In the mean time I trust Mr Hardenburg will prepare as complete a list as possible of the producing mines in California and copy or obtain statements from month to month of the shipments of gold and silver bullion and ore by express or transportation companies, and that early in the year 1884 he may be able to prepare a report upon the production of the mines of California with

(Press copy in Mining book)

an approximate estimate of the yield of each county; to be forwarded to me with other statistical information he may obtain, in time for my next report.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quincy. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 5, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000 to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quincy. ✓

Supt. Mint.

March 5, 1883.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending January 31st 1883 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quincy.

Assayer in Charge.

March 5, 1883.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account with Abstract and Vouchers for the month ending February 28th 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quincy.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

March 5, 1883.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir

I have the honor to call your attention to Certificate of Deposit No 174, made by M. V. Davis Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans, with the Assistant Treasurer in that City on the 19th of August 1882, of \$64.97, and to Certificate of Deposit No 176 made by the same officer at the same time with the same Assistant Treasurer of \$1.19 and to covering warrants No 1837 and 1838 covering the respective amounts into the Treasury of the United States, and to state for your information that these amounts, with the exception of forty-five cents should have been covered to the credit of the appropriation made for the support of that mint for the current fiscal year, instead of for the fiscal year 1882.

I have therefore the honor to request that the error may be corrected by warrant and counterwarrant, and that the sum of \$1.19 covered by covering warrant No 1837 be to the credit of the appropriation for wages of workmen of the Mint at New Orleans for the fiscal year 1882 be taken from that appropriation and carried to the credit of the same appropriation for the fiscal year 1883, and that of the amount \$64.97 covered by covering warrant No 1838 be to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint at New Orleans for the fiscal year 1882, the sum of \$64.52 be taken from the amount to the credit of that appropriation and carried to the credit of the same appropriation for the fiscal year 1883.

Very respectfully.

Hiram C. Pritchard.

Director.

Messrs Nathan Lotter & Co
No 36 North Front St.
Philadelphia.

March 5. 1883.

Gentlemen

I will thank you to state the correct price per pound at which you will deliver five (5) tons best Ingot copper file on board of cars to Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago Ill. for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson Nevada.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Birchard.

Quicksilver.

John J. Valentini, Esq.
Genl. Supt. of
Wells, Fargo and Co's Express.
San Francisco.

March 5. 1883.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, stating that he has been requested by your agent to ask whether the transportation charges on mint bars shipped from that office could not be collected by you in San Francisco on the delivery of the bars, he claiming that that the charges must either be paid at Boise or at San Francisco.

As the charges for the transportation of gold bullion are now paid from an appropriation made by Congress it is necessary that the accounts should be forwarded to this office for settlement, as neither the Assayer in charge at Boise nor the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco have any funds from which to make payments and unless your company is willing to transport this bullion and forward accounts to this office monthly for the transportation charges, it will be necessary that we endeavor

to secure other means for the transportation of
the same;

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

